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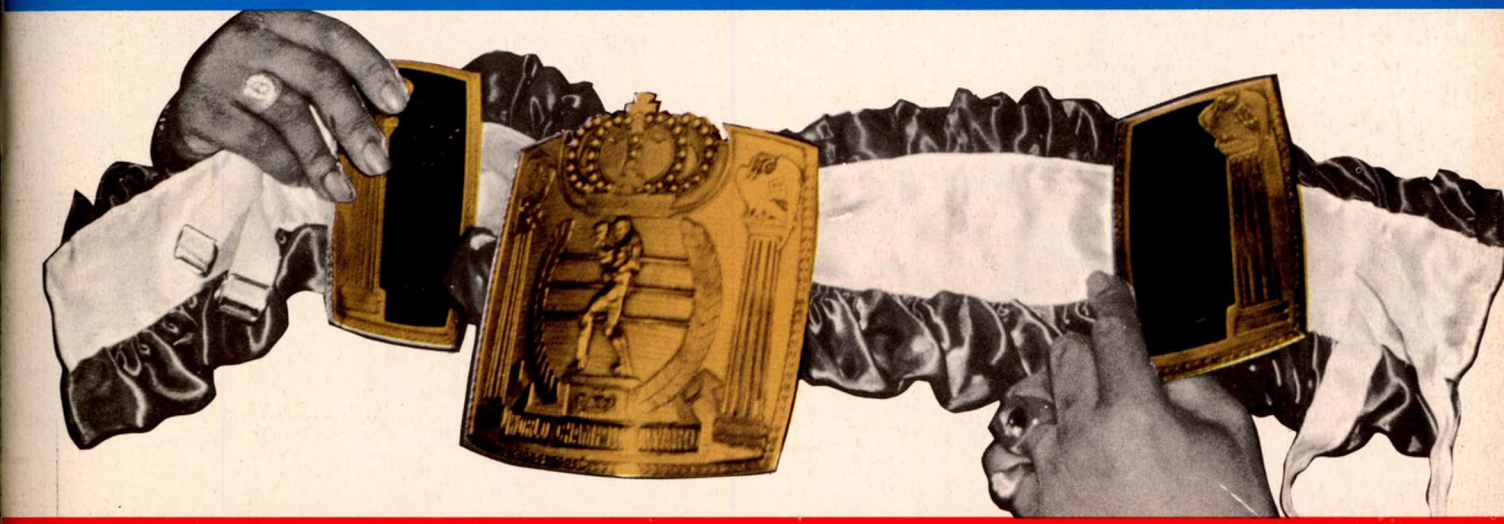

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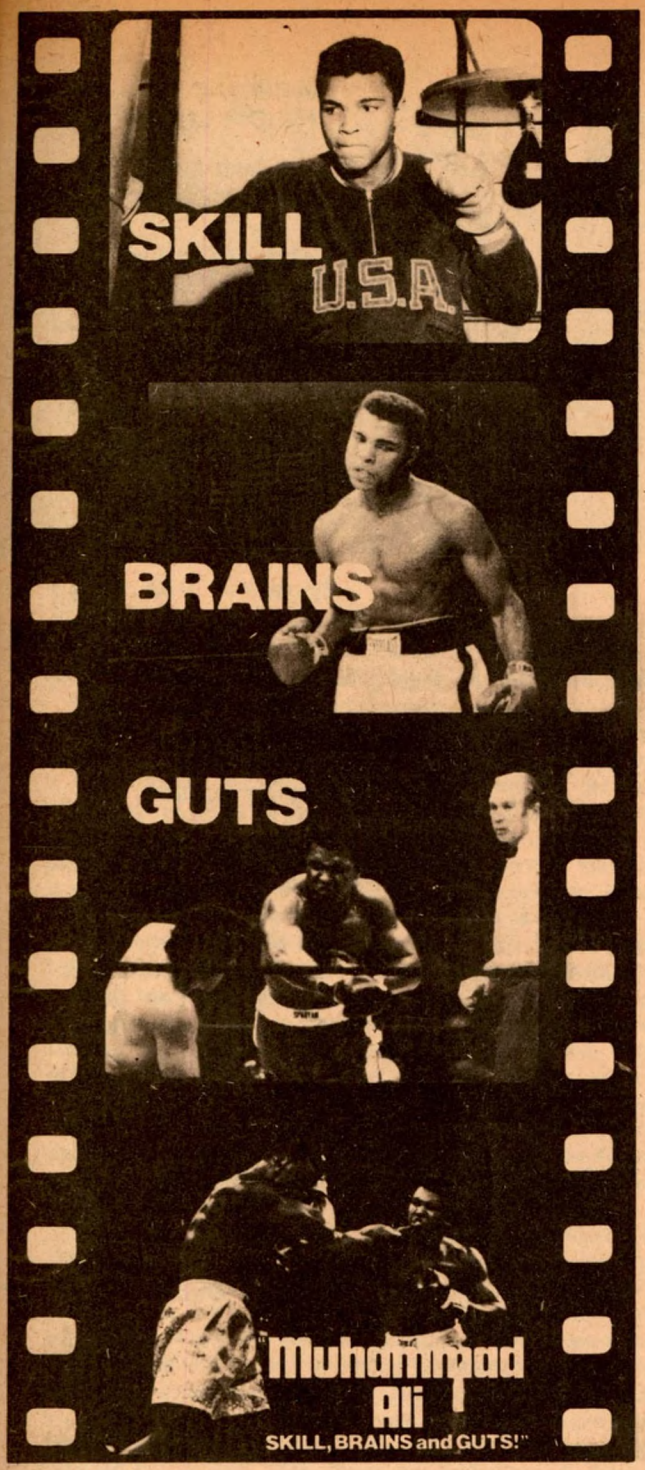

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AS I SEE IT

AN EDITORIAL

BY NAT LOUBET,

EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

WE all know that women are here to stay, but the question is: Are they here to stay in boxing?

The entrance of women into the many facets of boxing is not new, since we have had women seconds and trainers, managers, promoters, ring announcers, and judges. So far, there has not been a woman referee that I know about.

Now there is a rash of women boxers and the women's movement may be inclined to think that it has made another breakthrough. The truth is that the first woman to box in a ring was Elizabeth Wilkinson, an English person, back in 1722. In 1728, Wilkinson fought Ann Field and won the fight and was thereafter considered the British and European female champion.

The women's boxing champion of the world at the turn of the century was Polly Fairclough, who died in Dublin, Ireland, at seventy-seven years of age. She was a circus performer and in her early years of boxing never met another woman but took on all comers of the male sex. She sparred with male champions like the great Jack Johnson and Billy Wells, the British heavyweight champion for many years. Her boast was, "Nobody ever knocked out Polly!" In her mid-teens, she was scheduled to meet the claimant to world women honors, an American named Texas May. When Tex failed to show, Polly claimed the world title.

In 1914, two French women met in a ring at Chantilly, France, to decide the women's world title. Mlle. Carpentier crossed gloves with Mlle. Warner in a bout scheduled for six rounds but which ended in a knockout in four with Mlle. Carpentier taking the title. Mlle. Warner, after being counted out, left the ring with a black eye and a bruise on her nose.

In the late 1950s, Barbara Buttrick, listed as from Yorkshire, England, was much in evidence, as were other women in San Antonio, Texas. By this time weight classes were beginning to appear in women's boxing and Miss Buttrick claimed the flyweight and bantamweight titles. She was the first woman to meet another in that state. Miss Buttrick was seen in action in many arenas in the U.S. and in Canada. In 1954, she appeared in Alberta, Canada and lost an eight-round decision to Joan Hagen of Indianapolis.

Women's boxing has constantly appeared and disappeared. In 1959, a 20-year-old stenographer, Myrna McConvey, at 120 pounds, fought a Mrs. June Louder, a 27-year-old grandmother who weighed in at 142 pounds. Miss McConvey was the victor over five rounds. According to the report, Miss McConvey was the only one to show any semblance of boxing aptitude.

All of which brings us to the 1970s and another invasion by women into what has always been considered a realm for men only, pugilism.

State after state has bowed to the new boxing oddity. The first state boxing commission to have awarded a boxing license to a woman may have been Nevada, when it passed favorably on a request for a license for Caroline Svendsen of Virginia City, Nevada. The year was 1975. Since then, women tossing blows in the ring have grown by leaps and bounds all over the U.S.

One of the last holdout states is New York, which is on the road to granting women licenses despite their prejudices. The anti-sex discrimination law will force every state to allow women licenses and the right to fight.

So we see that women in boxing is nothing new but always in the past, even before the turn of the century, it has been a fad with women appearing for a short time and then disappearing into the limbo of a forgotten try. Is the current excursion any different?

My answer is that it will depend on those who are attempting to control the women's end of the sport. There are several such bodies, one located in Nevada, the Women's World Boxing Association, which was started by Ted Walker and another which saw the light of day in Lodi, New Jersey and has moved to New Rochelle, New York. It is co-chaired by Al "Scoop" Gallello and Alma Mango.

These organizations are attempting to accomplish that which has never been achieved before, namely, to organize the rules under which women will compete, the various weight classes, flyweight (112 pounds), bantamweight (118 pounds), featherweight (126 pounds), lightweight (135 pounds), and welterweight (147 pounds).

Until this recent surge of interest by women and men in women's boxing, the activities of the various women at various time periods were for the most part of vaudeville variety. A sideshow, part of a circus, something different. In short, women's boxing was used as an oddity to draw in those who felt that it might be interesting to see a couple of women slam into each other. There was little feeling on the part of the fans that women in boxing should be taken seriously. To date they have not, and if those in power and running the women's movement in boxing don't develop women from the amateurs right up through the pro ranks, much as men are developed in the Golden Gloves and Olympics, so that there will be a supply to fill the various weight classes with competent women, the women's entry into professional boxing will once again pass into forgotten land for another decade.

One of the dangers facing women in boxing is that of television. The networks are constantly on the lookout for an oddity that will be watched by the fans. A spicy dish of mayhem is two women boxing each other. Television may well put up what is considered by women as a "big pay day." The urge to get on the tube is great but what is not considered is the fact that if women are put on the

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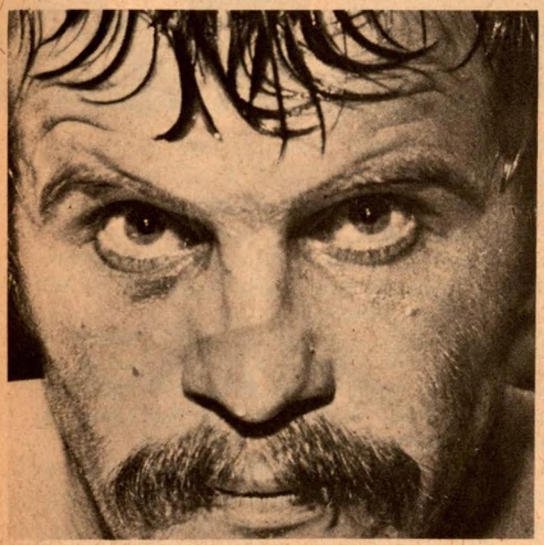
WILL THE REAL CHAMPION STAND UP?

By NAT LOUBET



Above Kallie Knoetze, who with fellow South African Gerrie Coetzee, are standing in the wings awaiting the call to prove their right to be considered as serious heavyweight contenders.

Leon Spinks, the new heavyweight champion of the world, awaiting his rematch with Muhammad Ali to prove that his winning of the title was no fluke.

Nat Loubet presenting Leon Spinks with The Ring Magazine championship belt in recognition of Spink's winning of the world heavyweight title by defeating Muhammad Ali.

As we go to press Larry Holmes, recent kayo victor over Earnie Shavers, will be fighting for the WBC version of the heavyweight crown worn by Ken Norton.

On September 15th, at New Orleans, Leon Spinks, the real heavyweight champion of the world, will stand up and put his title on the line against the man whom he dethroned, Muhammad Ali.

Consistent with the Ring Magazine's stand since its inception in 1922, and in line with boxing experts before the turn of the century, we have always maintained that a championship can only be won or lost in the ring. It follows that Leon Spinks won his title from Ali in the ring and is the only champion. The World Boxing Association, The New York State Athletic Commission and The New Jersey State Athletic Commission all recognize Spinks as the champion. In addition, it is obvious that the fans likewise consider the WBC edict stripping Spinks as a "nothing" move. Letters reaching The Ring are running at least nine to one in favor of Spinks with only a meagre 10% of the fans considering Norton, at this time, more than a "paper" champion.

The situation surrounding Spinks, as the heavyweight champion, and Norton and the WBC version of that crown, would probably never have evolved if television network time and money weren't available in sufficient amounts to make it worth while to strip Spinks.

Actually the catalyst that made the change practicable was the battle of the major networks for available "big fights". There is little concern on the parts of the various networks as to how champions are made available. The main issue is that champions are available to sell to the public.

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With Bob Arum of Top Rank supplying one network with Spinks, it became impossible that another heavyweight champion should not be available to ABC. What could be more natural than that Ken Norton, with his paper crown, meet Larry Holmes, and under the aegis of promoter Don King, ABC would have a competitive fight—at least as good as facsimile of the heavyweight bauble as ABC could obtain.

So now we have the winner of Holmes and Norton as a WBC champion and in September Ali and Spinks will mix it up to de-

termine if the sports experts are right and Ali made the mistake the first time around with Spinks and waited too long before opening up on his challenger; or is it that Ali is really washed up and only a shadow of his former self?

The possibilities are many and only as we watch Ali and Spinks in training,a s the fight gets closer, will we have any clues as to the future of Spinks and Ali.

There is little doubt but that Ali is finding it' difficult these days to get into shape and that even in top shape for his age he still no longer has his speed afoot, or, with his hands, can no longer throw combinations as of yore, cannot mount a sustained attack for any great period of time; and he runs out of gas if pressed and finds it nigh impossible to go fifteen rounds with any fighter who can press him and force him to extend himself. His former recuperative powers are no longer a plentiful well to be called upon. The well is close to being dry.

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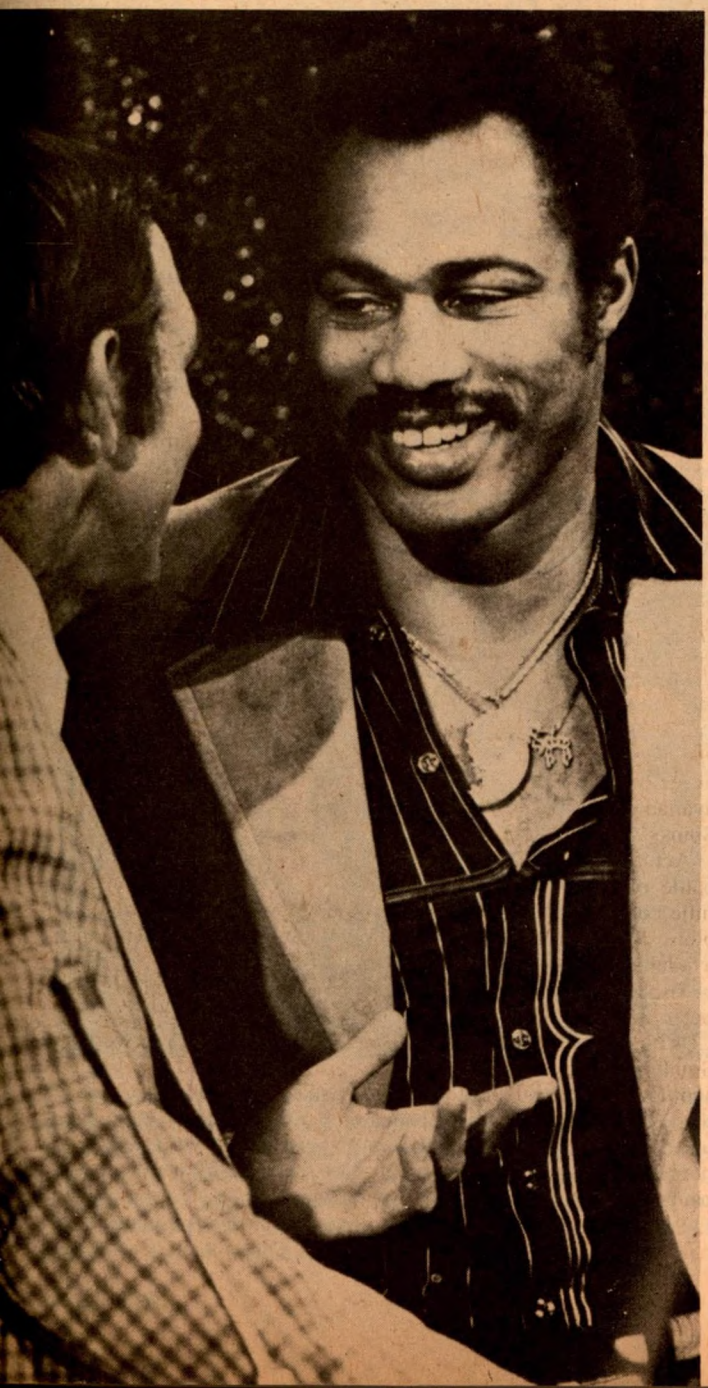
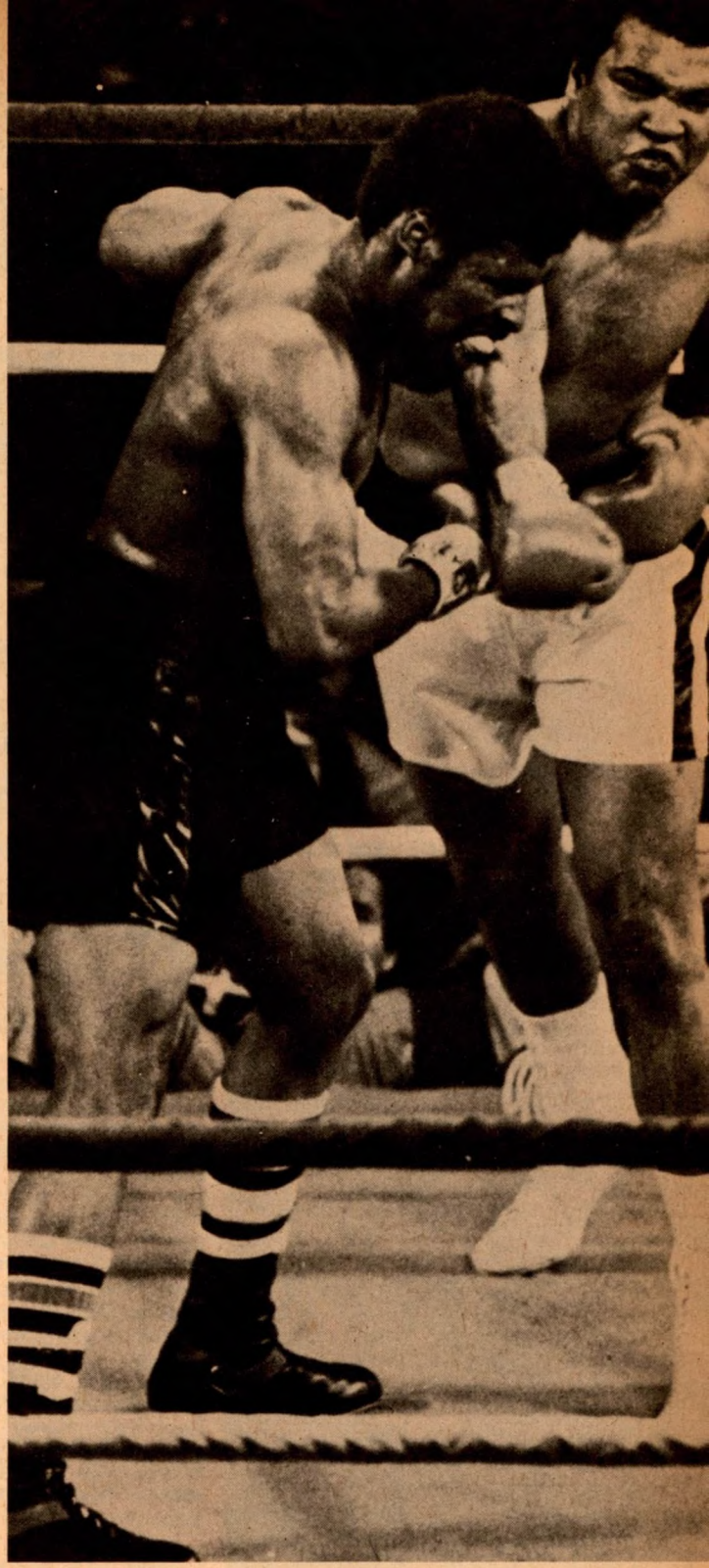




(Left) Ken Norton, right talking with John Brodie of NBC Sports World after the WBC announced they had stripped Spinks of his crown and awarded it to Norton. (Above) The camera caught Spinks on the receiving end of Muhammad's right that staggered his challenger. Spinks went on to win fifteen-round decision and the crown from Ali at Las Vegas.

WILL TV $$$ FORCE BATTLE OF CHAMPIONS?

By JOHN ORT

REMEMBER the days when the old-time champions moved up from a weight class to a higher weight class in what was called the battle of champions?

The names most mentioned are Henry Armstrong, Barney Ross and Tony Canzoneri. All moved up in class during the golden age of boxing, the 1930's, long before the tube became the rage.

In those days champions often boxed each other for the big gates. There was no T.V. money so the promotors had to depend on live gates for arenas, fighters and hopeful profits.

Three-time king Henry Armstrong, then featherweight king, boxed Barney Ross on May 31, 1938, in Long Island City and won the welterweight crown. He again boxed Lou Ambers on Aug. 17, 1938, for Lou's lightweight title and again won.

Ross, junior welterweight champion, fought Jimmy McLarnin on May 28, 1934 in New York and gained the welterweight crown. Ross lost and then rewon the welter title while still the junior welter champion. He did this by outpointing mcLarnin in 15 rounds on May 28, 1935.

Tony Canzoneri, while the lightweight champion, kayoed Jackie Kid Berg on April 21, 1933, still the lightweight king, he regained the junior welter title with a ten round nod over battling Shaw, in New Orleans.

In recent years the names Bob Foster, Ray Robinson, Freddie Cochrane, Carlos Ortiz, Roberto Duran and Alfonso Zamora will ring a bell as champions who fought champions from another division.

The light heavyweight king, Bob Foster, tried to win the world heavyweight title from Joe Frazier on Nov. 18, 1970 in Detroit. Foster was kayoed in two.

The great Ray Robinson took a shot at the light heavyweight crown of Joey Maxim in the Yankee Stadium on that hot nite of June 25, 1952. The then world middleweight king was halted by Maxim in 14 rounds.

In 1974, the middleweight king, Carlos Monzon, retained his title via a kayo over welterweight champion Jose Napoles on Feb. 9, in Paris, France.

Freddie Cochrane, then holder of the welterweight title, boxed lightweight king Lew Jenkins in a non-title bout on Oct. 6, 1941, New York City, Freddie won a ten round decision.

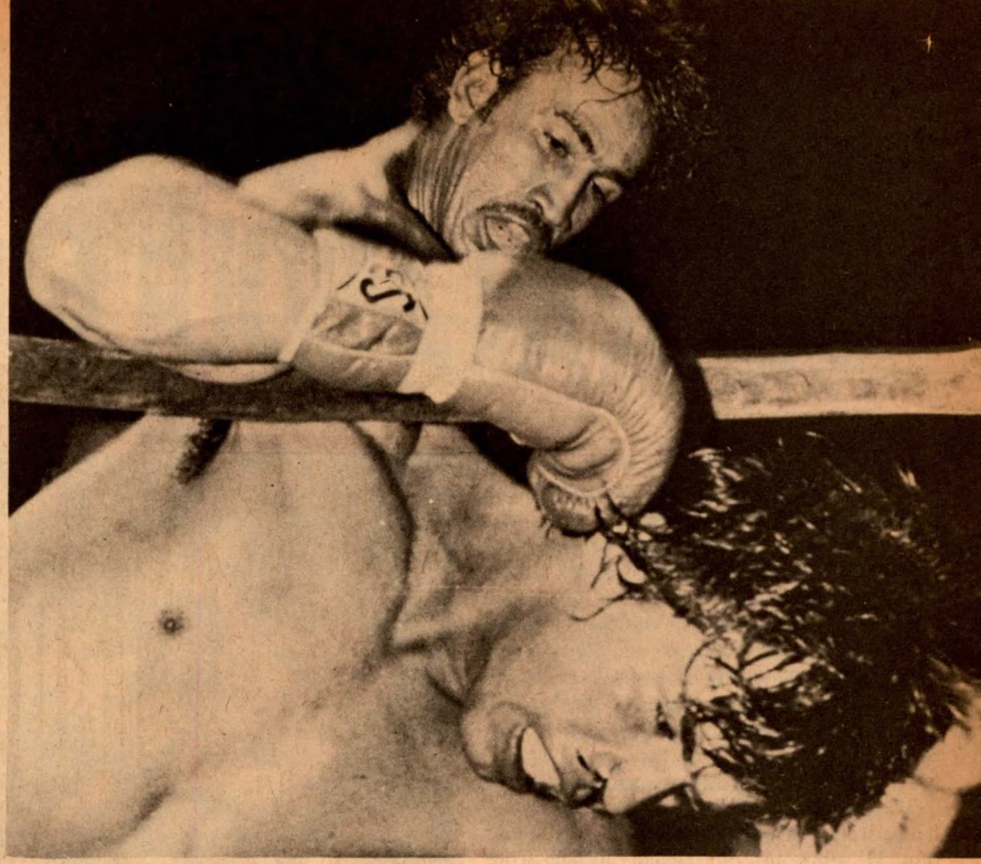
(Above) World lightweight king Roberto Duran and then WBC lightweight champion Esteban DeJesus in Las Vegas before their championship fight to clear up the division. Roberto came out on top. (Right) WBC "super bantamweight" king Wilfredo Gomez of Puerto Rico lands a left to the head of Ym Dong-Kyun, Korea. It was in this bout that Gomez won the title with a twelve-round kayo.

In another bout between two champions in different classes, world lightweight king Carlos Ortiz fought the world junior lightweight champion, Flash Elorde. The bout took place in Madison Sq. Garden, New York, on Nov. 28, 1966. Carlos retained his crown with a kayo in the 14th round.

A "Split Division", over the weight match between world bantamweight champion Alfonso Zamora and WBC king Carlos Zarate took place in Los Angeles on Apr. 23, 1977, with Zarate coming out on top.

This year on January we had world lightweight king Roberto Duran defend his crown

World flyweight champion Miguel Canto, Merida, Mexico, hopes to get WBA champ Guty Espadas, also from Meida, in the ring for a non-title contest in Merida later on this year.



(Left) Guty Espadas shows his championship trophies. (Above) Undefeated Carlos Zarate, WBC bantamweight king, is putting the finishing touches on then WBA bantamweight champion Alfonso Zamora. Zarate will be meeting WBC super bantamweight champion Wilfredo Gomez in Puerto Rico this summer over CBS-TV.

against WBC champion Esteban DeJesus in Las Vegas and Roberto kayoed Esteban in twelve.

The last bout we talked about was the first in what could become the T.V. era of the battle of champions. The champions are now pricing themselves out of title defenses. The only market left for the prime time big money bouts will be champion against champion.

Already Atzea Promotions, headed by James Farley, is out to garner a match between Carlos Zarate, WBC bantamweight king, and Wilfredo Gomez, WBC super-bantamweight champion for San Juan, Puerto Rico, in July. Zarate, the unbeaten bantamweight chamption from Mexico, has kayoed over 50 men, while Gomez, undefeated, halted *all* and boxed one draw. The only way a promotor could put on such a match is with T.V.

Talk around has it that the networks this fall will want attractive new bouts in the lower divisions. With the heavys now being played out, with two champions and the same old faces to box them the champions of the lower ranks will get their chance.

A Mexican outfit is playing with the idea of matching lightweight king Roberto Duran against Carlos Zarate, hoping he beats Wilfredo Gomez first, for Roberto's crown; WBA welterweight king Jose Cuevas VS world junior middleweight champion Eddie Gazo, for Gazo's title, and WBA bantamweight king Jorge Lujan VS Richard Rozelle in a bantamweight title bout.

There is a rumor that both flyweight kings from Merida, Mexico, Miguel Canto, world champion and Guty Espadas, WBA king, will meet in a ten round over-the-weight contest in Merida.

Top Rank is hoping to talk WBA welterweight king Joe Cuevas into boxing world champion Carlos Palomino for his world title in Los Angeles this Sept.

Bob Arum also has on tap the two light heavyweight kings, Mate Parlov and Victor Galindez.

Arum can also use the world middleweight king, Rodrigo Valdez, who would move up and box either Galindez or Parlov for the

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World junior middleweight king Eddie Gazo, Nicaragua, hopes to crash into the big time TV market with a bout against WBA world welterweight champion Jose Cuevas.

CORRO UPSETS VALDES TO WIN MIDDLE CROWN

By JACK A. TREE

SANREMO, ITALY—As of this writing there is a new middleweight champion of the world and his name is Hugo Corro. Corro, who hails from the San Carlos section of Mendoza, Argentina, earned the title with a workmanlike unanimous decision over former champion Rodrigo Valdes of Colombia. The twenty-four-year old Corro, like many Latin American fighters, is virtually unknown in the United States, due to the fact thathe has fought almost all of his fights in South America.

WBA light heavyweight champion Victor Galindez, himself an Argentinian had pointed out to an associate of your writer that Corro was a 160-lb. version of heavyweight contender Jimmy Young. By this, Galindez obviously meant that Corro is a thinking man's fighter and fully realizes what he can or cannot do. Corro gave the impression that he indeed is here to stay when upon arrival in San Remo he told the Italian press "You in Europe don't know me well because I did not firght often around here, but you'll learn to know me."

Former champion Rodrigo Valdes most certainly has learned to know Corro because in his first title defense since winning theundisputed version of the middleweight crown from Bennie Briscoe last November 5th, Valdes is sadder, possibly wiser, and definitely titleless. Corro gave Valdes a hint of things to come when he slicked his way through the opening rounds and used his stronger-than-it-looked defense to take the middle rounds by a slight margin. The rounds that Valdes won during the middle of the fight were mainly based on his aggressive pursuit because the hard-to-find Corro had the champion missing like a fat drunk on ice skates.

Although visibly tired, Rodrigo attempted to keep the pressure on in the tenth and eleventh rounds, but the harder Valdes tried, the stronger Corro's defense became. In the twelfth round, Corro decided that it was time to make his move and consequently put his offense on go for the first time in the bout. A series of olf fashioned one-twos had Rodrigo not only holding on for the first time, but hopelessly spent, and acutally looking to his corner for a way to avoid impending doom.

Rodrigo survived the round, but to ev-

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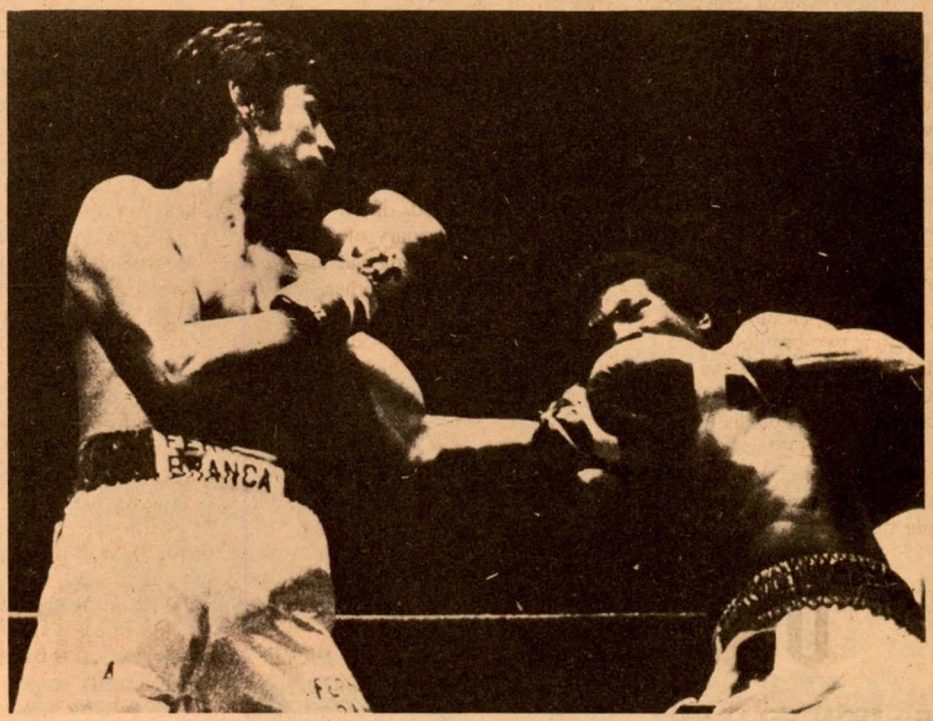
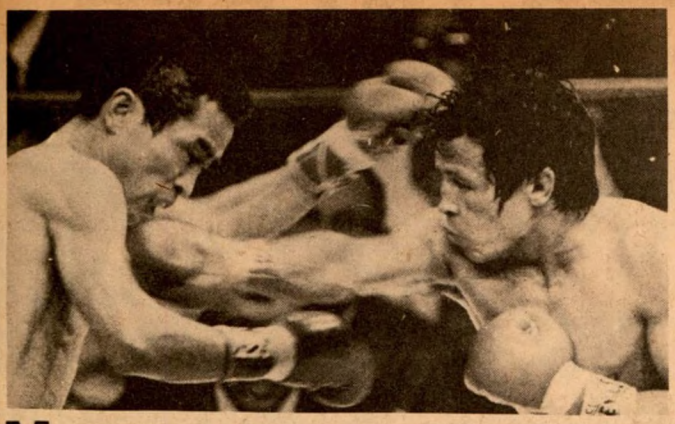


(Above) Hugo Pastor Corro lands a left en route to a unanimous decision over Rodrigo Valdes. The world middleweight title went with the victory. (Below) Corro, center, is congratulated by Carlos Reuteman, left, and WBA world light heavyweight champion Victor Galindez. Corro was virtually unknown in the United States before his victory, which was witnessed by a large television audience. Bout was held in Sanremo, Italy.



Miguel Canto, Mexico, right, lands with stiff right to the jaw of his challenger, Shoji Oguma, Japan, in their Tokyo flyweight championship meeting. Canto won 15 round unanimous decision in successful defense.

CANTO BEATS OGUMA IN FLYWEIGHT TITLE DEFENSE

By JOE Y KOIZUMI

MIGUEL Canto of Mexico, the flyweight champion of the world, won a fifteen round decision to successfully defend his world flyweight title against Shoji Oguma of Japan in a unanimous decision.

This was the rubber match between the two. In their first meeting in January of 1975 Canto won a 15 round decision from Oguma for the vacant world flyweight title. In January of this year they had their second outing with Canto again coming out the victor over the 15 round route. In this, their third time together, Canto was at his best and left no doubt as to his superiority.

Their two previous meetings were close and their second meeting left some doubt in the minds of the experts as to just how good Canto really was. But in their last get together Canto was supreme and left no doubts as to his ability.

Although Oguma slipped to the canvas in the first round there were no official knockdowns in the contest. The slip was occasioned by a solid right to Oguma's jaw which did not drop him but threw him off balance and caused him to slip to the canvas.

As the fight progressed it was clear that the world flyweight king was thoroughly in command of the fight. Canto was at his best as he adroitly outboxed and at times outslugged his aggressive challenger proving his ring generalship.

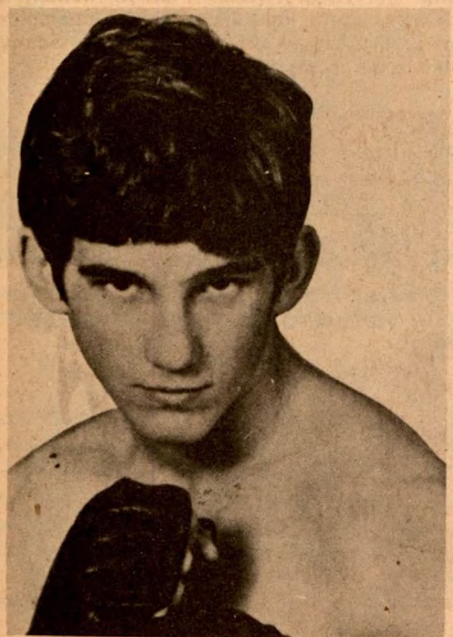
From the 12th round on Oguma bled from a cut that was opened near his right eye by a Canto hook.

This victory brings Canto's record up to 60 fights as a professional with 14 knockouts and 39 wins by decision. He has had three draw decisions, two of them back in 1970, his second year as a pro, and one in 1973 with Ignacio Espinal, whom he defeated in two subsequent meetings. He has two losses on his record. One was to Mermelio Gonzalez, whom he defeated in later fights. His other loss was to Tarcisio Gomez in 1970 which he reversed by knocking out Gomez in 2 rounds in a rematch in 1973. He has been knocked out twice in his professional career, in his first fight against Conejo Hernandez, and in his third with Pedro Carrillo and he never met either man again in the ring.

Prior to winning the world title Canto held the Mexican flyweight championship.

O'GRADY KNOCKS OUT ROMEO ANAYA

By DON FRASER



Sean O'Grady, recent kayo winner over Romeo Anaya, has lost only one of his fifty-six contests.

LOS ANGELES—Before he entered the Olympic Auditorium ring for a title tuneup, Sean O'Grady had looked forward to meeting World Boxing Assn. featherweight champion Cecilio Lastra of Spain.

When O'Grady left it, about ten minutes later, he learned a new champion had been crowned in Panama City—Eusebio Pedroza of Panama.

Pedroza had knocked out Lastra about the same time O'Grady was disposing of former bantamweight champ Romeo Anaya before a lively crowd of 4,320.

O'Grady, however, accomplished his mission with less troube than did Pedroza, who scored a 13th round knockout. O'Grady, 19-year-old No. 2 contender from Oklahoma City, KO'd Anaya at 2:33 of the third round.

O'Grady, a pro for three years, scored his fiftieth knockout in winning his fifty-fifth fight with ease.

The end, which seemed predictable from the outset, came late in the third round, when O'Grady connected with a crisp right-left-right combination that knocked Anaya halfway through the ropes and onto the canvas.

The 30-year-old ex-champion, his face blood-smeared and twisted in pain remained on his knees as referee Marty Denkin counted over him.

When Denkin said "Nueve," Anaya made a feeble effort to rise but failed to beat the count. Cldarly, he wanted no more of young O'Grady.

O'Grady, tall and rangy with toothpick-thin arms, is a devastating puncher and demonstrated it several times before the knockout.

However, Anaya, 130¼, came out swinging in the opening round and acted as if he intended to make it a contest. He landed several effective blows from a semi-crouch and O'Grady, 129½, covering up, seemed to respect him.

"I blocked most of them," O'Grady said in a near whisper. "He did hit me in the Adam's apple once. That's why I'm talking like this."

Anaya, who held the bantamweight crown in 1973, has seen better days, of course, but he's still rugged and dangerous. His record is 39-9-1 with 32 KO's.

O'Grady, who collected his largest purse from the $43,830 gate, $22,500, won his 26th straight since taking a beating two years ago at the Forum, where he was stopped by Danny Lopez—his only loss.

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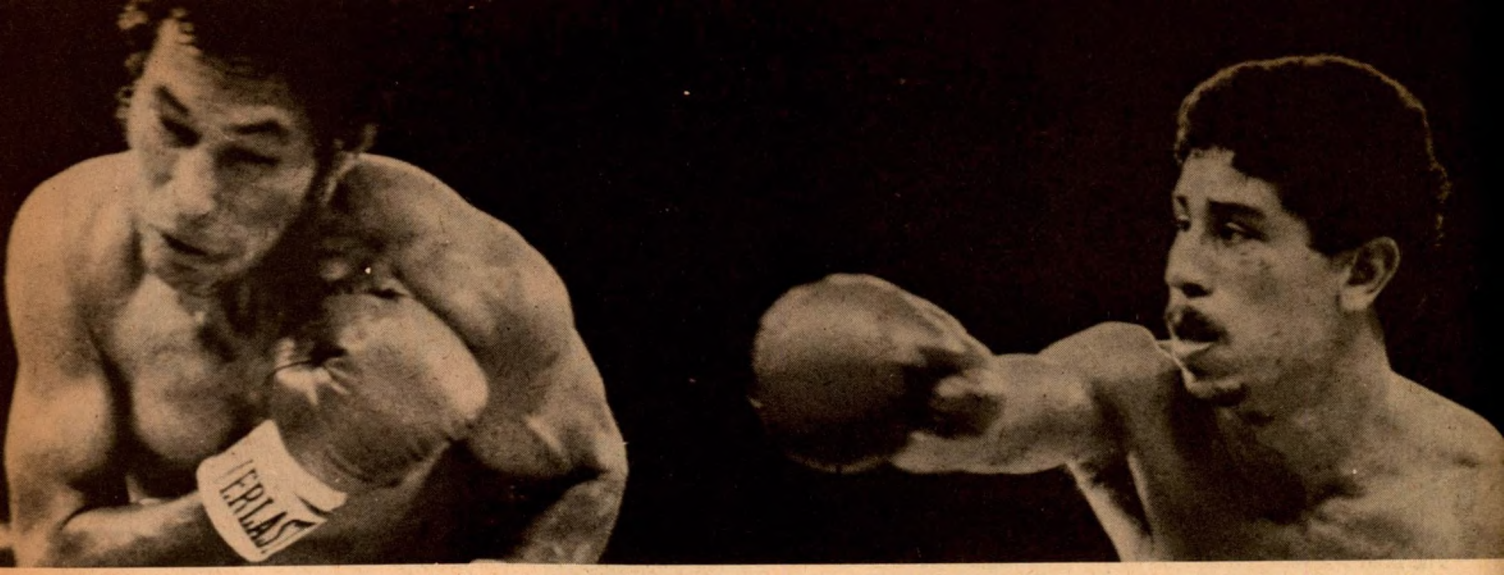


Wilfredo Gomez (right) moves in on Jose Antonio Lopez during their WBC Super Bantam title scrap at Puerto Rico in which Gomez came away a TKO winner.

Gomez TKO's Lopez In 7th For WBC Super Bantam Title

On the undercard, Edwin Viruet knocks out Jose Marquez in 10th and last round.

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

"Zarate best beware because this guy not only can hit but he can box." such were the comments of defeated challenger Jose Antonio Lopez following his kayo defeat against super bantam WBC Champ Wilfredo Gomez. He was referring to a contemplated title encounter between Zarate and Gomez.

In a fast-paced bout in which challenger Lopez refused to take a backward step Gomez proceeded to punch and box with such precision that he had his opponent completely baffled.

Gomez' only fault, was that he went head hunting despite the pleas from his corner to go to the body. "If he started his body attack in the early rounds it would have been over sooner", stated his Panamanian trainer.

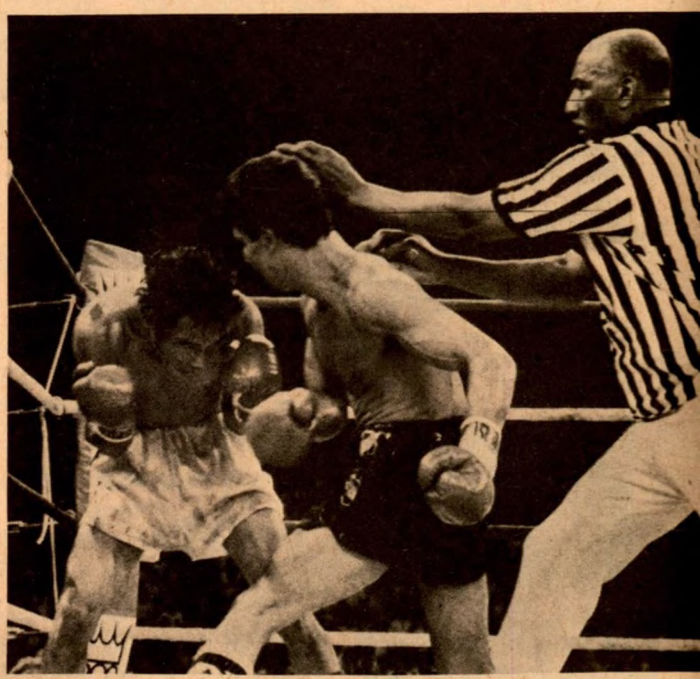
As it was, his steady attack to the head wobbled Lopez on occasions, cut him over the right eye in the 4th and after a relentless barrage in the closing seconds of the seventh referee Zack Clayton called a halt. The time of the bout was 2:41 and although some felt it was premature to call an end with so little time left in the round, that doubt was erased by both defeated fighter and trainer admitting it was a wise call.

"The blood streaming from my eye did not let me see", said the disappointed challenger.

This was the first time Lopez had been stopped, or cut in 57 pro fights.

For Gomez it was his 18th straight kayo but it would appear from this corner that for a man as dangerous as Zarate he is going to have to go into a more rigorous training program than here-to-fore.

When a cream-puff puncher knocks you out it may be time to throw in the towel and call it quits. Such is the case of Jose Marquez, who was kayoed in the tenth and last round by the light hitting Edwin Viruet.



The end of the fight. Referee Zack Clayton stops fight in 7th round as Gomez rips overpowering two-fisted attack against Lopez's defenseless body.

Viruet has scored only one kayo in the last six years. And that against one Billy Wade, who had not won a fight in over 3 years. This by no way is intended to take any merit away from Edwin, who certainly deserves his top-ranked position following his two full distance encounters with champion Roberto Duran. Also Edwin has the quickest pair of hands and the best left-jab in the 135 pound class.

But the truth is that more was expected from Marquez than he displayed.

In the early rounds he chased his light-footed opponent, who preferred to clown and run. From the fourth round on, either because

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"Little Red" Stops DePaula

By DON FRASER

DANNY Lopez, WBC featherweight champion, overwhelmed Brazialian challenger Jose Francisco DePaula to score a sixth round knockout and retain his title at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles.

The bout was stopped at 1:30 of the sixth round. As referee Dick Young went between the fighters to halt the proceedings, DePaula's handlers threw in the towel from his corner.

The classy puncher-boxer Lopez had charge through most of the fight. He put DePaula on the deck with a left hook and a punishing right to the jaw in the fifth round. Lopez had his rival in trouble several times throughout, but the spunky challenger fought back savagely.

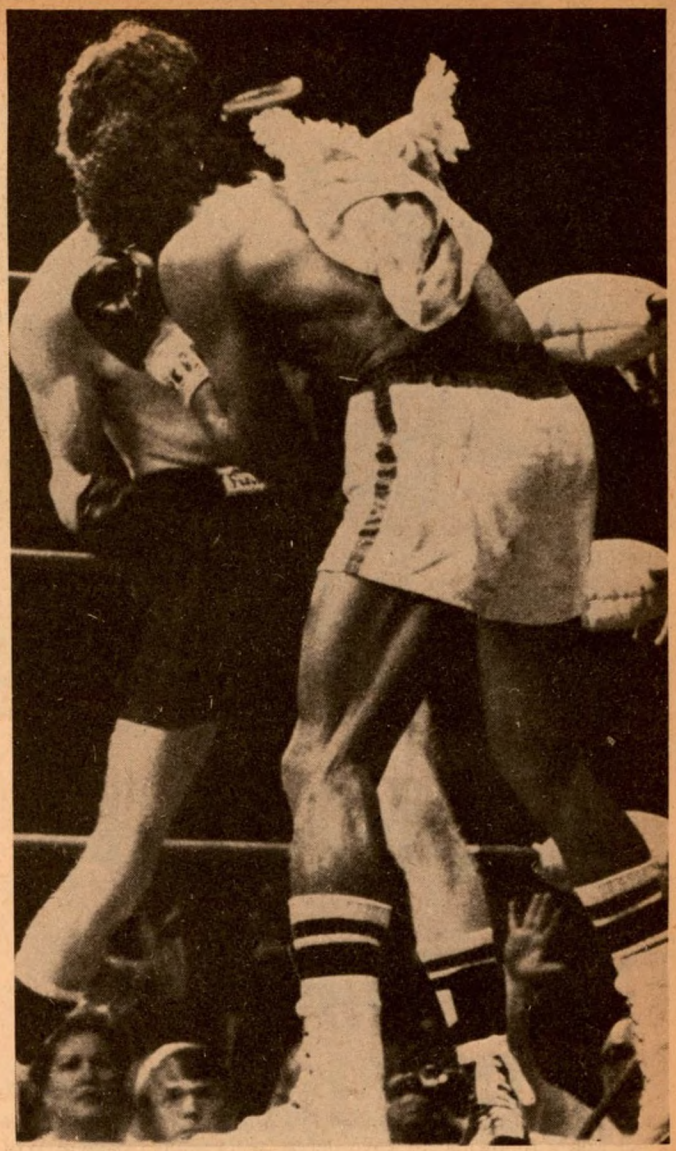
As usual, Lopez caught a few good punches thrown by DePaula in some torrid exchanges, but the champion was always in control, hitting DePaula with solid right hand blows which had the latter staggering several times throughout.

The knockdown in the fifth represented the first time that DePaula had been decked in his professional career.

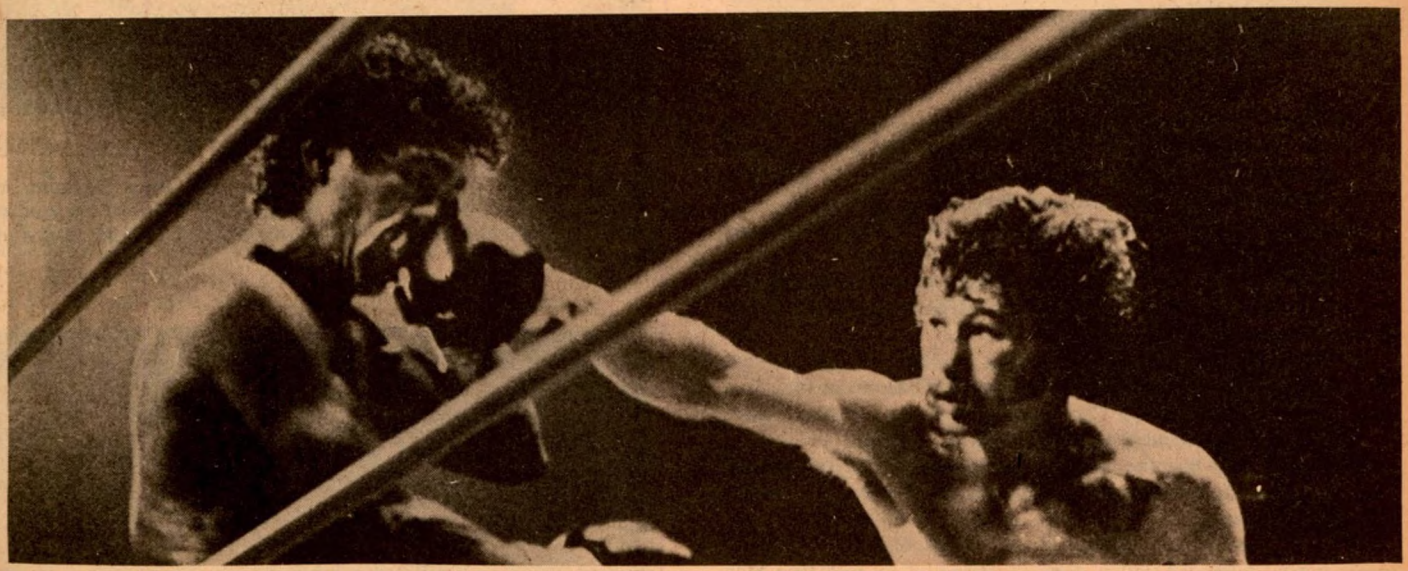
Lopez was brilliant. "Little Red" showed excellent boxing form as he moved in and out in the heavy exchanges and had the Brazilian staggering on a few occasions by counter punching with left hooks and rights to the head. When the latter went into a defensive "cover" pattern, Lopez employed a strong uppercut that brought his foe into range for punishing rights.

It marked the sixth straight kayo victory for Lopez and the thirty-seventh in his professional boxing career, which started in 1971.

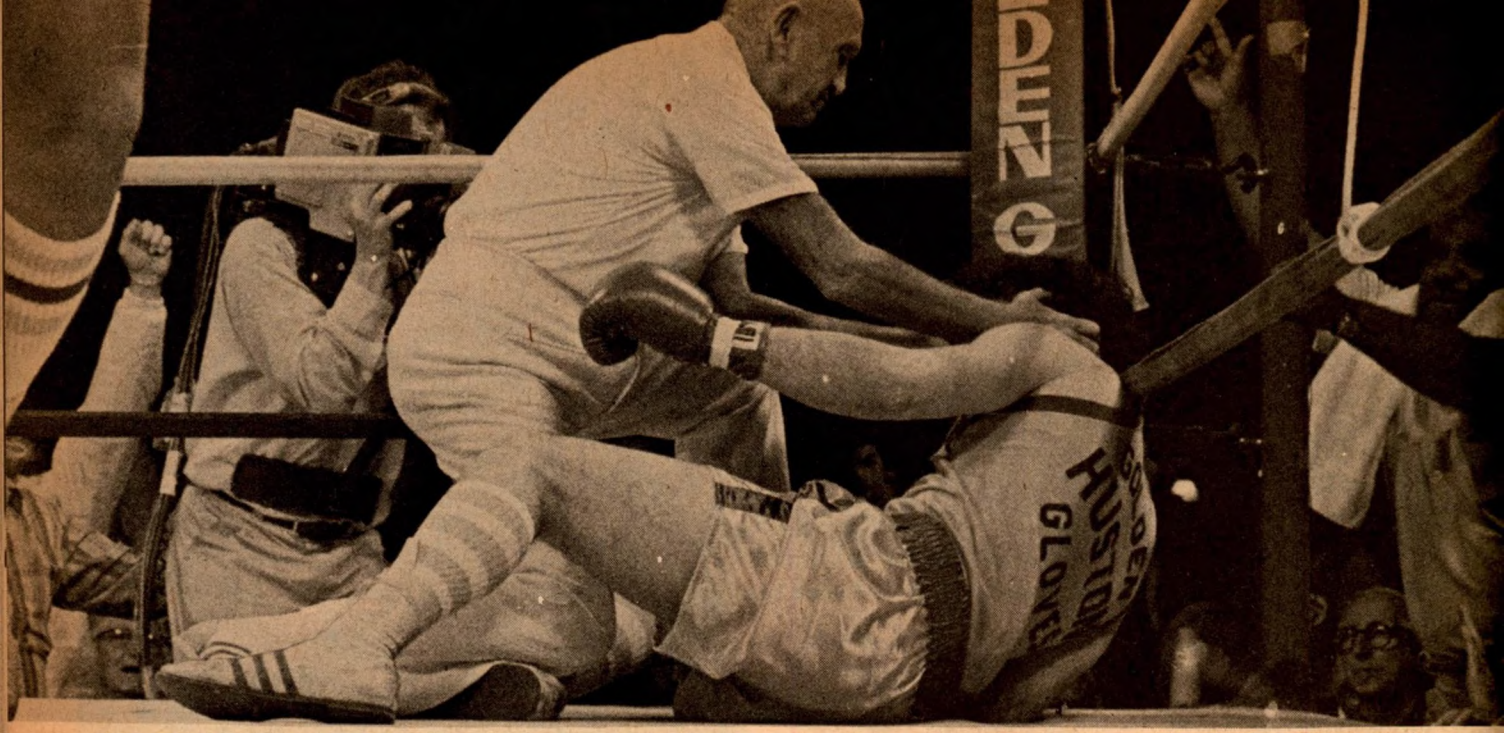
Following the fight, Lopez admitted he had been tagged several good shots by the game DePaula, but said that he was never seriously hurt in the heavy leather exchanges. While Lopez did not name an opponent, he said he planned to defend his title again in the near future.



Jose DePaula's handlers have thrown the towel in. The game Brazilian can only hold on as Danny "Little Red" Lopez lets him have it in the sixth round of their WBC world featherweight championship bout.



The dreaded right of Lopez finds its mark again. Referee Dick Young stopped the bout at 1:30 of round six.



New York's Ron Huston, laid to rest for the second time in the first round of his bout against 178-pound champion LeRoy Murphy.

New York Over Chicago, 7–4, In GG Challenge

By JOHNNY BELLINO

FOR years, New Yorkers have been thumbing their noses at the rest of the country, especially Chicago. And if you want to know why, just look at the Chicago-Big Apple Golden Gloves challenge, held at the Windy City's International Amphitheatre last April.

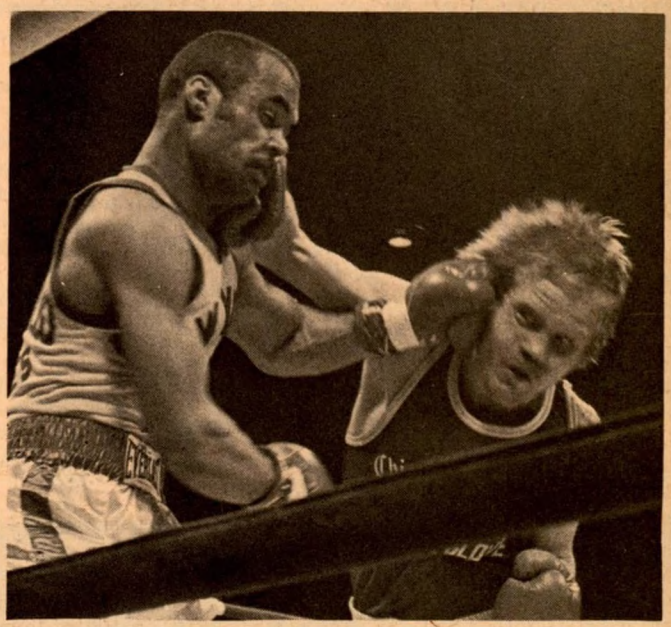
The answer is simple. In boxing at least, New Yorkers *are* better.

Not only did they cop seven out of eleven bouts for the second year in a row, but New York manager Mike Rosario thinks the spread will get wider.

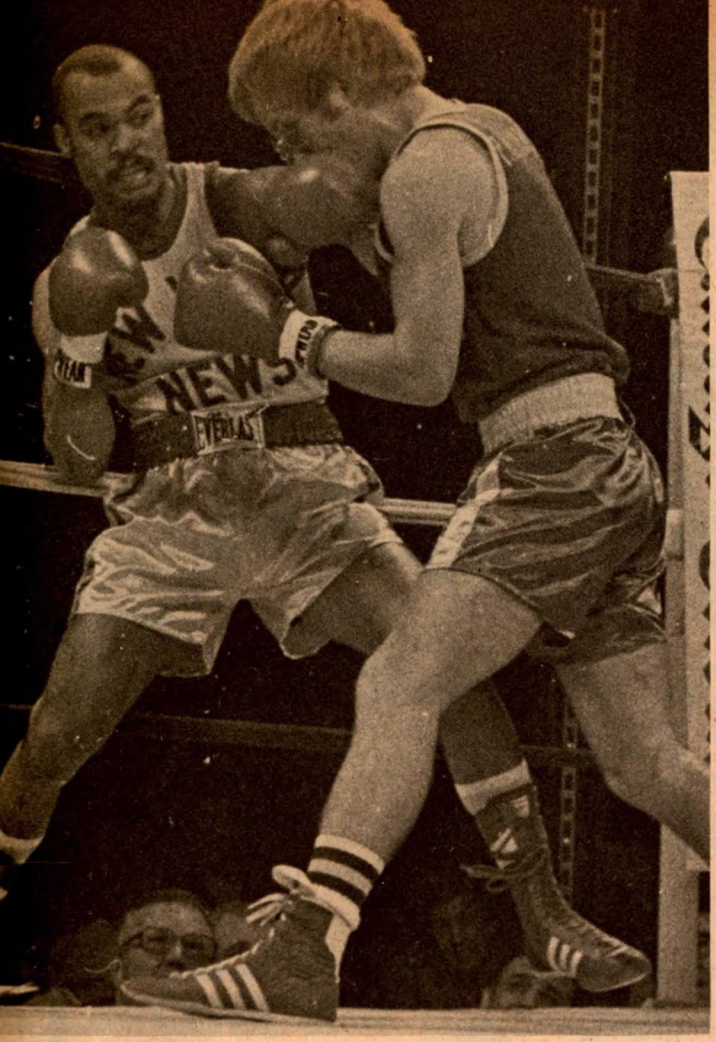
"In the fifties and sixties, Chicago was drawing from places like St. Louis and Louisville," Rosario explained. "You know they had guys like Sonny Liston and Cassius Clay fighting for them. New York, in turn, represented only the city and its environs.

"Today it looks like the position has reversed. They're getting guys from around the city and suburbs. And we're represented by the Eastern Seaboard.

"Still," Rosario said, "with a city this large, Chicago should be doing much better. They're coming along, but too slowly." Rosario is much more optimistic about his own team. "We only



(Above) William Costello of New York and Paul Williams of Chicago get their licks in during the second round of their bout. (Below) New Yorker Alex Ramos keeps Chicago's Brian Mathews at bay.



Costello is set to deliver after setting up Williams in the first round.

Chicago's Andy Jekiel offers spirited resistance to his old-time nemesis, Mike Rosario.

have two guys returning from last year, but this squad is much hungrier.

"The other fellas were experienced, but this group will be better. And don't forget these names: Rosario, Hodge, Costello and Ramos. You're going to read about them when the going gets hot and heavy during the Olympic trials."

Not that Chicago didn't have any famous names of its own. Wayne Lynumm was the class fighter of the evening. Like an Indian leading an attack on a wagon train, the 119-pounder weaved an endless circle around bigger Camelo Negron, a battler from Rosario's own Castle Boxing Club.

Wheeling left, backpeddling, changing direction, the 1977 National Golden Gloves champion broke Negron's concentrated attack with fleeting jabs to the face. Lynumm could have been content to dance and jab his way through Negron. (He still suffered from the pain of three broken knuckles in his potent right hand). Lynumm did all that and more, boldly wading in to exchange punches.

Then there was LeRoy Murphy, an enigma. Not that the heftier Murphy, fighting as a light heavyweight for this match, doesn't have power. He just doesn't seem to take his fights too seriously, according to Rosario. Then again, perhaps he doesn't have to. He disposed of Ron Huston, New York's reputed strongest puncher and winner of eighteen bouts, all by knockouts, in barely a minute of the first round.

However, Rosario thinks Murphy is too heavy. Although he enjoyed punching supremacy at 165, he'll run into many more equally strong men in his new weight. "And," Rosario says, "his body is too small to support the challenges from heavier fighters." Murphy won the North American championship at 165 in 1977, but lost in the semi finals of the National Golden Gloves tournament in New Mexico this year. Maybe Rosario is right.

The New York boxing chief also had something to say about his son, Mike Jr., who won the 106-pound championship for the second year, defeating Andy Jekiel again. Mike Jr.'s mentor predicted an Olympic future, despite winning only three of seven international bouts.

New Yorker John Hodge probably doesn't have much trouble keeping his four kids in line. Especially if they were at ringside to watch daddy destroy the 132-pound Chicago champion, Paul Sanchez. In an impressive display of strength, Hodge stunned Sanchez seconds after the opening bell. The game Sanchez made it up to at eight and tried to fight. But a couple of punches later he was down

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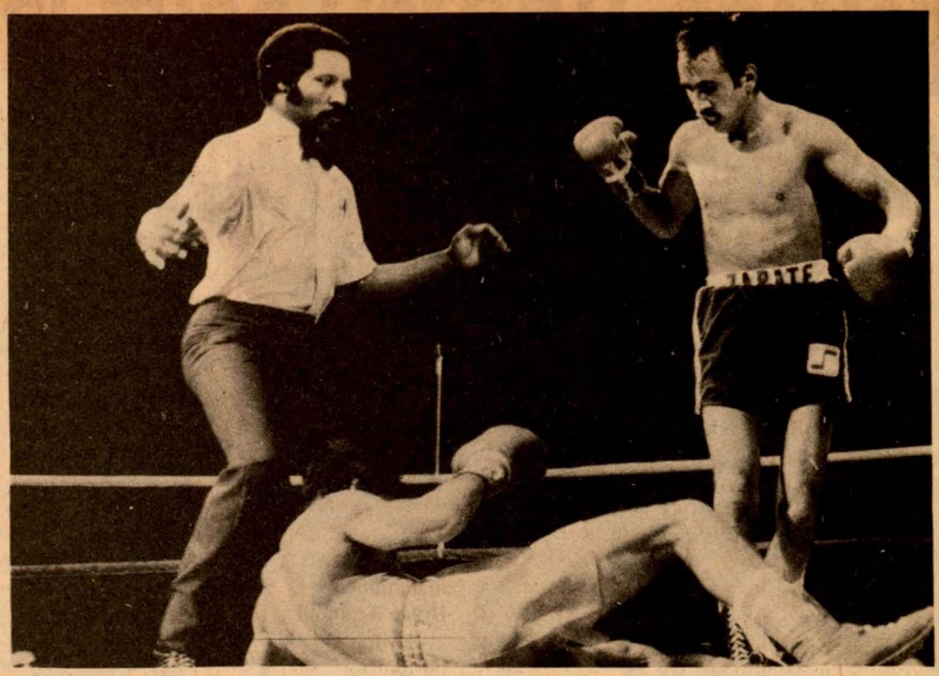
ZARATE HALTS HERNANDEZ

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO



WBC world bantamweight champion Carlos Zarate of Mexico stands over fallen Puerto Rican challenger Andre "Pupy" Hernandez as referee Richard Steele rushes in to take over the action. Zarate retained his title with a TKO at 1:34 of the thirteenth round.

CARLOS Zarate, WBC bantamweight champion, scored his fifty-first knockout in fifty-two fights at the Roberto Clemente Stadium in San Juan, P.R., stopping Andre "Pupy" Hernandez of Puerto Rico at 1:34 of the 13th round of their scheduled fifteen-round title fight.

Zarate, the undefeated Mexican-born champion, was making his seventh defense since defeating Rodolfo Martinez from the throne with a ninth round knockout on May 8, 1976 at Los Angeles.

Zarate was clearly in control by the third round, when he opened a cut over Hernandez' right eye with a hard left hook. Hernandez tried to escape by circling first to the right, then to the left, as the methodical Zarate stalked his opponent.

Several times before the bout was halted, the referee stopped the action and had a ringside Commission medico examine the injured eye, which was bleeding profusely at the end.

Hernandez, a light hitter, depended on speed and maneuverability, with a fight plan to stay in close so that the taller, long-armed champion would not have punching room. It was his first attempt as a challenger in a championship fight.

Zarate had a weight problem and had to pare down two pounds before the fight.

The 25-year-old challenger did well in the first two rounds, as was expected. Zarate, a notoriously slow starter, usually takes four or five rounds to get going.

But his impeccable 51-0 record seemed intact as the bout progressed. While Hernandez was still in there after twelve rounds, Zarate wore the smaller challenger down with relentless force, landing regularly on the wounded eye. His long arms lashed out repeatedly as he attacked Hernandez with lefts and rights in the last two rounds of the fight.

The 26-year-old champion, who was a 3-1 favorite, had the light hitting Hernandez looking for cover in the thirteenth as Zarate steamrolled his attack until the bout was halted.

IN OLDE NEW ENGLAND

By DON HAMILL

Boxing got a shot in the arm during the month. Several new promoters made their debuts. One of those shows was a Palm Sunday TV showing from New Haven. Helen Hall of Boston made her delayed debut as a promoter with a dinner-boxing-fashion show while Keith Murphy and Gerald Thompson put together Maine shows.

NEW HAVEN — Veterans Memorial Coliseum — Sugar Ray Leonard, 144½, College Park, Md., made short work of Javier Muniz, 144, Los Angeles, whom he stopped in the first round of a nationally televised bout. The bout had hardly got underway when a right cross caused Muniz' knees to sag. Leonard, who has the fastest hands in the ring today, unloaded a two fisted attack that drove Muniz to the canvas. He made a feeble attempt to get up as referee Sam Maltempo tolled off the full count. It was the first, at least during modern times, that a boxing show was held in any of the New England states on a Sunday.

Jimmy Corkum, 143, Brockton, got off the floor in the fifth round and went on to hand a boxing lesson to Papo Melendez, 148, Hartford, in their eight-rounder. Corkum turned in a tremendous performance beating the ever-dangerous Melendez to the punch repeatedly. Luis Davilla, 135, Hartford, was awarded a roundly booed eight round split decision over Danny Danieis, 132, Newark. It was a dull bout for five rounds and turned into a bloody war in the final three sessions. Benny Benitez, 137, Springfield, repeated an earlier win over Steve Snow, 139, Holyoke, this time more convincingly while he took a unanimous four-round decision. Keith Broom, 159, Baltimore, had no trouble gaining a four round unanimous duke over D. C. Walker, 154, New Haven, once he solved Walker's unorthodox style. Joe Maye, 199, Hartford, evened his series with Al Brooks, 215, Springfield, by taking a four round split decision. Randy Milton, 150, Somers, a late substitute, had too much experience for a willing Curtis Smith, 146, Bridgeport, in the four round curtain raiser.

BOSTON — Harvard Club — Frank (Tiger) Moore, 172, Brockton, stopped Joe Mereault, 171, Lawrence, in the final round of the eight round main event. It is an annual affair in which members, Harvard alumni, and their guests are served dinner and sit around the ring at tables.

Young Charles Cox, 218, Boston, like a bigger Joe Frazier in appearance and style, slugged out a six round decision over tough Don Halpin, 212, Lowell, in a thriller. Robertito Colon, 142, Lawrence, scored an upset six round points win over Fernando Fernandez, 149, Pawtucket. In a four rounder, Jose Martinez, 130½, Lawrence, outgunned Alan Piers, 124, Brockton. Martinez' real name is Andrew Barboza. Bobby Everett, 123, Boston, scored an impressive first round knockout over Jose Montanez, 118, Lowell. In the opener, Edward Bessette, 123, Lowell, stopped Angel Diaz, 128, Lowell, in the second round.

BOSTON — Park Plaza Hotel — Otis Gordon, 177, Hartford, showed why he is a dangerous foe by stopping Matty Ross, 184, Billerica, New England lightheavyweight champion in the fifth round. No title was at stake. Gordon shook Ross in the first round with right leads to the head. Ross was never able to get control of the fight. He was dropped twice in the fifth round before referee Eddie Fitzgerald stopped the bout.

Mike Rae, 145, Brockton, overpowered Larry Barboza, 138, Lowell, in the first round. Rae battered him so badly that in 1:50 of the first heat his seconds called a halt. Jose Martinez, 132, Lawrence, fighting for the second time on consecutive nights easily decisioned Jose Sanchez, 128, Haverhill, who was making his pro debut. World heavyweight champion Leon Spinks, made an appearance. A fashion show completed the evening's entertainment. New England's first woman promoter, Helen Hall, staged the combined show.

PORTLAND, MAINE — Exposition Building — Alvin Anderson, 151, Baltimore, Md., broke through the defensive guard of Wilson Bell, 152, Washington, D.C., and stopped him in the final session of their ten-round contest. Bell had not been knocked down but was in a dazed condition by several hard left hooks when referee Dick Dufresne ruled him through for the evening.

Dick Staley, 145, Washington, Bell's stablemate, was fed a soft touch in Kevin Murphy, 147, Lowell, who failed to complete the initial stanza. Bobby Everett, 127, Boston, continued to look impressive by the manner in which he disposed of Virgilio Aviles, 127, Lawrence, in the fourth round. Cathy Russo, 162, Portland, stopped fellow-townswoman, Jan Chabot, 169, also Portland, in 1:35 of the second round. A pair of amateur bouts got the show underway.

WATERVILLE ARMORY — Ricky Burgess, 160, Waterville, appearing before his hometown fans barely gave them a chance to see him in action. He scored a clean knockout over a grossly inept Don Godfrey, 154, Lowell, in the scheduled eight-round main event. Gerald Thompson promoted the combination pro-amateur show.

Edwin Rivera, 138, Lowell, halted Bath veteran, Ricky Craney, 140, in the fourth round of the six round semi-final. Wildman Joe Velmure, 230, Lowell, also stopped his opponent when Bobby Lopes, 190, Milford, N.H., could not hold him off and succumbed in the fourth round. In a four spot, Dana Knight, 135, Oakland, a tiny Down East village, eked out a split duke over Danny Butts, 135, South Portland. The amateur bouts opened the show.

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LEONARD–HAYMON BOUT IS MARRED BY CONTROVERSY

Leonard leaps for joy! He stopped Bobby Haymon at the end of the third round in Largo, Md.

By ED SCULLEN

LARGO MD. — A raucous crowd of 15-,272 filed into the Capital Centre to see home town hero Sugar Ray Leonard stop Cleveland's Bobby Haymon on a controversial knockout at the end of round three of a scheduled eight rounder. It was the largest indoor crowd ever to see a prize fight in Maryland.

After a brisk two rounds, Leonard began to step up the pace against Haymon in the third — a chopping right after a left high to the head deposited the Ohioan on the canvas for an eight count, but the 32-year-old cleverly avoided the 1976 Olympic champion's rushes by bobbing and weaving and hanging on. With time running out, Leonard wobbled Haymon with a left about ten feet off the ropes — Haymon backed to the ropes, and Leonard landed a vicious right apparently simultaneously with the bell. Third man Harry Cecchini placed a restraining hand on Leonard's shoulder, but a trailing left landed high on Haymon's temple, draping him over the ropes, to an eventual half-sprawled position. Haymon was out.

For the next several seconds, confusion reigned supreme, but after consultation, the bout was ruled as stopped at 3:00 of the third. Referee Cecchini was unavailable for comment afterwards. Cornerman Don Polo of Orlando vigorously protested—claiming the key punches came after the bell—to no avail. Interesting enough, the water bucket man in Haymon's corner was new assistant matchmaker at Madison Square Garden, Bruce Trombley.

"All I did was take advantage of an opportunity," said 21-year-old Leonard, "all fighters do that and as far as I knew all my punches were thrown inside the bell."

"He's a good fighter, but he seems to get all the advantages," said Haymon in the dressing room, "I was in trouble and I was glad to hear the bell—I thought the round was over and I relaxed—then I got hit and that's all I remember."

Such a controversy could probably go on into enternity, but at any rate, Haymon appeared to be heading for a loss.

Off his last two showings, versus Javier Muniz and now Haymon, the 10-0 Leonard must be rated as a real comer. Still, there are things to give any man pause—in the first round at the Capital Centre, Haymon landed a right hand counter, that landed by a power hitter would have spelled K.O. in big letters, and there were other moments, when the new 21-7-2 Haymon made his fee look amateurish. Until Leonard faces a competent puncher, the sury must remain out. Leonard weighed in at 147, Haymon 144.

No final gate figures were available, but a likely figure is around 120,000, with the house scaled from $5 to $20. With Leonard proving so popular, it is likely that the promoting Capital Centre will soon wet their feet again in boxing; and in the long run, this is all to the good for the area's lesser knowns.

In the preliminaries: Lou Bensen, 179½, Baltimore cruised by Quinnie Locklear, 189¾ in a four rounder. In another four, Odell Leonard, 154, Palmer Park thumped Ronnie West, 154, Cleveland. And Keith Broom, 157, Washington edged Stan Jackson, 153, Washington over four. Johnny Gant, 147¾. Washington soundly whipped herky jerky Justice Ortiz, 146¼, New York, N.Y. in eight frames. Irish Mike Baker, 159½, Washington stopped Frankie Kolovart, 160, Cleveland, Ohio at of round in a scheduled eight rounder. And in a walk-out bout, Roland Pryer, 147½ came from behind to whack out Greg Burch, 144½, Philadelphia at 1:49 of round six.

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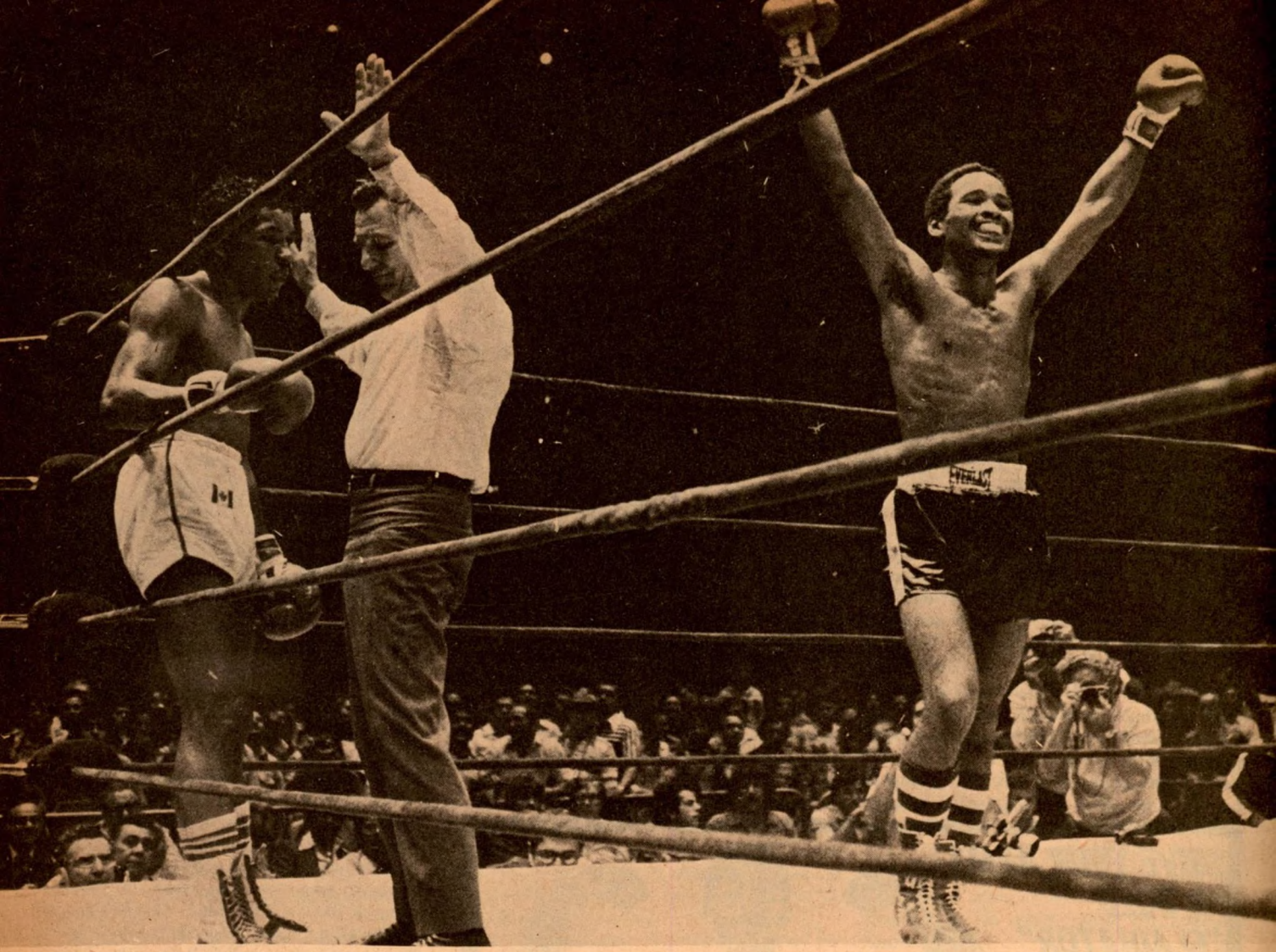

World junior welterweight champion Wilfredo Benitez strolls around the ring in triumph after halting challenger Jose Ramon Guerrero Chavez at Madison Square Garden on August 3, 1977. Referee Arthur Mercante stopped the bout.

PUERTO RICO'S ALL TIME GREATS

By LESTER BROMBERG

GRANTED, I'm putting aside my own impressions as a youngster. The other day I went through my earliest collections of my ring pictures and came across a shot of myself at Sixto's training at the late Madame Bey's all but forgotten camp at Summit, N.J. Lou Brix, his manager, also long since gone, is included, as well as Barney Nagler, who still does a column on the Racing Form.

Escobar deserves the aura of a pioneer champion, he now is 65, just turned a senior citizen in Puerto Rico. He held the 118-pound title twice, winning the title in Puerto Rico. But I cannot recall him as other than just a fast, light-hitting boxer. Hardly a tiger. Frankly, his spotlighted showing, on the 1937 Mike Jacobs' Carnival of Champions at the Polo Grounds, was a washout. As well as the walk-out of four championship bouts. He lost to Harry Jeffra in fifteen dreary rounds.

Escobar's career lasted from 1931 to 1940 and he achieved one undeniable fact: he was the first Puerto Rican to win a world's championship and a grateful fandom will never forget him. One of the early sports stadia of Puerto Rico was named in his honor, Sixto Escobar Stadium.

But look at the tough, hard road Carlos Ortiz had to follow. He unhappily chose as his first manager a sad specimen of a human being. This manager tied him up to a long-term deal when he was barely eighteen, and proceeded to ignore Carlos as a person while

Former lightweight champion Carlos Ortiz, as he looked when he was in his youthful prime.

Sixto Escobar was Puerto Rico's first world champion. He won the bantam crown from Tony Marino on August 31, 1936.

Pedro Montanez won the Puerto Rican lightweight title from Emilio Moris in San Juan in 1932. Pedro lost to Lou Ambers in a bid for the world title.

he didn't forget his percentage as a manager.

Yet Ortiz, who had intelligence in the ring as well as outside, virtually proved his own manager. Going out of the country under the direction of the late booking agent, Dewey Fragetta, he made good in spite of all odds.

Probably a million persons in New York City and environs are Puerto Rican by origin—which means a full quota of passionate fight fans. Out of this melting-pot mixture in an already cosmopolitan town you have a vast army of youth ambitious to become fighters.

There's a history which dates back almost half a century, or ever since the pearl of the Antilles was annexed by the U.S. and then became a Commonwealth with everything except statehood. The last-named has posed a problem: *The Ring* has been selecting the ten best all-time fighters by nationalisties but we have limited it to individuals born in the continental United States.

It therefore is tough to classify Puerto Ricans. Hell, a million souls in the city means they belong here and we hereby drop the hypenate, -American, as concerns them.

Incidentally, we now have the fifth in our ethnic series.

Previous publication dates: Italians, May, 1977; Irish, September, 1977; Jewish, December, 1977; Black, . Other races will be covered.

Just as the writer, with nearly 50 years of boxing coverage, fights off the insistence that Joe Louis rates ahead of Muhammad Ali, I hold firm on another opinion, as concerns Puerto Ricans.

I consider Carlos Ortiz, lightweight champion of the 1950 and 1960s, as No. 1. I cannot place Sixto Escobar, bantamweight champion of the 1930s higher than No. 2.

After blitzing the capable southpaw, Kenny Lane, in two rounds at the 8th Ave. Garden in 1959, Ortiz wound up as the junior lightweight titleholder. He had everything going the other way in Italy (except sizeable purses) when he wound up without the ersatz title.

Miraculously his rise to the lightweight crown then began. Carlos had arranged a

Jose Basora was a stiff left hooker. He held Sugar Ray Robinson to a draw in a ten-round bout held in Philadelphia, May 14, 1945.

partnership of convenience with Bill Daly, a skillful but sedulously self-interested manager too. It achieved results but broke up eventually.

With Daly's arch salesmanship, Ortiz got a championship fight—all he really needed. Old Bones Joe Brown then was the lightweight king, seemingly unbeatable, he'd held the title for six years. The fight was made for Las Vegas in 1962, one of the first national TV fights from there. Brown was a one-sided favorite but Carlos shocked the nation—he won so easily nobody would believe it.

He proved it had to be believed. For the next six years he was king of the hill. He traveled the world, Manila (twice), Tokyo (twice), London, Mexico City, Buenos Aires and, of course, Puerto Rico. It was during this run that he sharpened his tools. He was a master-boxer and a stunning puncher. He controlled his temper (something Escobar couldn't do) and ruled with a firm, sometimes ruthlessly effective hand.

Finally he lost the title in Panama to Ismael Laguna in 1965 but he won it back the same year, then wiping up the Shea Stadium ring with Laguna in 1967. Everything was going too good for him, it seemed that he could hazard anything.

Ortiz took a chance early in 1968, he went to Santo Domingo with his title to meet Carlos Teo Cruz, the undistinguished hometown lad. Cruz trapped him, took the title. Before a return could be arranged, Cruz went on a pleasure plane trip with his family from Santo Domingo.

The airship went down off the coast of his homeland and all were lost.

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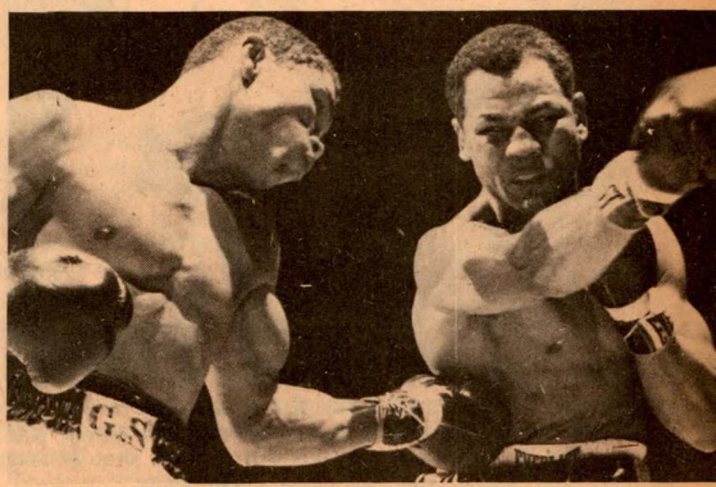

Jose Gonzalez delivers a jab to the side of Jose Torres in the second round of their ten-rounder at Madison Square Garden, advertised as for the Puerto Rican middleweight title. Torres won unanimous decision, January 3, 1964.

Will Lopez win a title, or remain an "almost champ?"

By ELISEO A. ORDAZ, JR.

IN 1970, a friend asked Alvaro Lopez to give him a ride over to his girlfriend's house. That ride changed the direction of Young Lopez's life. It turned out that his friend's girlfriend had another sister and Lopez began dating her. Her name was Beatrice Cruz and Lopez eventually married her. While dating "Beno," as she is called by her close friends, Lopez found out that her father was a local matchmaker and boxing promoter. Alvaro asked if they would introduce him to the sport of boxing. They introduced him to Benny Casing and Danny Dagampat, who started to show young Lopez the basic fundamentals and have been his manager and trainer throughout his career.

Cruz, Lopez's adviser and father-in-law, said, "At first, Yaqui was very awkward because he never had a chance to play sports. Yaqui had to work out in the fields and missed a lot of opportunities that most youngsters have in life."

With only eighteen days in the gym, Lopez fought his first amateur bout against Dave Stagnaro a boxer with over 60 amateur fights to his credit. Yaqui lost that fight, but Casing, his manager, said, "I saw the determination of a champ in that first fight." Cruz said, "Even though Lopez lost the bout, all the kids followed him back to the dressing room.

"Indian Yaqui" Lopez: Uncrowned Champ?

(Top) Alvaro "Indian Yaqui" Lopez has gone fifteen rounds each with WBA light heavy champ Victor Galindez and former WBC champ John Conteh. Now he wants another title shot. (Above) Alvaro's wife, "Beno," son Yaqui, and "Indian Yaqui."

They forgot all about the winner. It was then we realized we had a fighter with natural charisma."

On the road to success, Lopez picked up the nickname of "Indian Yaqui." Cruz remembers that moment. "We were fighting up in Eureka and the audience was roughly 90 per cent Indian. Someone yelled out, asking if Lopez was Indian. I said "He sure is," and when they asked "What tribe?" All I could think of was the Yaqui Indians down in Mexico. So the name "Indian Yaqui" stuck and that's what the fans have been calling him ever since."

Within two months of his first fight, Yaqui won the Golden Gloves and was on the road to success that eventually brought him to Texas, Nevada, California, and North West Pacific championships, plus two shots at the light heavyweight championship of the world. The last one was against Victor Galindez in Rome this past September. It was a fight that many claimed he won, and they are calling Indian Yaqui the uncrowned champ. Dagampat, Yaqui's trainer, said. "Yaqui gave both Conteh and Galindez their toughest title defenses. They couldn't knock him down. Yaqui went the distance in both fights."

Yaqui's first shot at a world title came in October of '76, in Copenhagan, Denmark against John Conteh. Yaqui had been waiting to meet Conteh for over a year, the fight having been postponed several times because of injuries to Conteh's right hand and disputes over where to fight. When asked about his first championship fight, Yaqui said. "When I fought John Conteh it was my first championship fight and I lost it. He was a better fighter than I was. I think we put up a good show but I never did feel right the time I was there. I was glad in a way because I had made it this far but, in another way, I was very disappointed. After the fight I was thinking 'What's going to happen? I lost the fight which was everything to me. But when I got home I realized I just lost one fight, not the world, so I began to prepare and be ready for my next chance."

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Sugar Ray Robinson, former welter and five-time middleweight champion, poses with his wife, Millie, in Los Angeles, where the ex-champ works with youngsters to combat juvenile deliquency.

RAY ROBINSON'S ZEST FOR LIFE

By JESS HERNANDEZ

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—The passing years have not dimmed the lust for life or boxing interest of former welterweight and middleweight kingpin Sugar Ray Robinson. Though retired from the sport since the 60s; Robinson remains within his fighting weight of 160, working out in the gym daily. When Sugar Ray isn't pounding the speed bag in the gymnasium, he's fighting juvenile delinquency on the streets of Los Angeles. Ray heads the Robinson Youth Foundation and has dedicated himself in helping kids. On occasions when the going gets tough, Robinson drives to the Main Street Gym and spars a few rounds with rated contenders Danny Lopez, Armando Muniz and Carlos Palomino.

Despite his long absence from the professional ring in which he fought 202 battles and was a five-time middleweight champion, Sugar Ray remains close to the sport that made him a millionaire and a superstar ring idol. For a fighter who was never out of condition and is often described as the "Greatest Pound-for-Pound" ring machine of all-time, Sugar Ray's outspoken views in today's boxing world merit attention.

Robinson advises today's ringmen to solidify their financial rewards and plan for the future. "I would advise the fighters of today to better stabilize their financial life quickly, or they will come to a sad finish," remarked Sugar Ray. "There is nothing more pathetic than a sports hero who is washed up and busted." Ray knows the heartbreak of earning millions and making unsound investments; of living high, wide and handsome with no friends to show for in the end; of having to perform as a dancer and movie actor to belt out a livelihood.

Sugar sees Muhammad Ali declining in popularity and predicts

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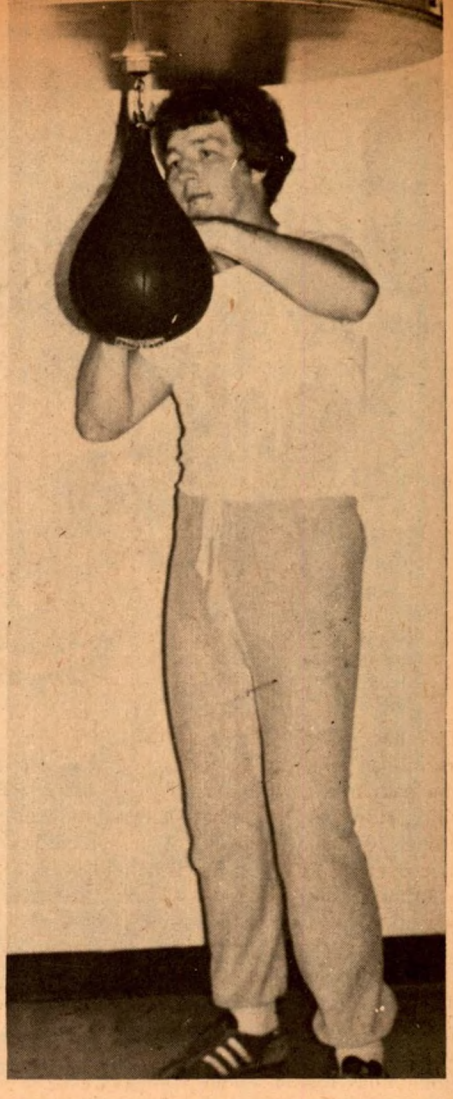

(Above) From left to right: former Redskin coach George Allen, Mike Baker, team owner Edward Bennett Williams and Stu Berman. Williams signed Baker and has him work out with the Washington Redskins' pro football team. (Right) "Irish" Mike Baker works on the speed bag.

D.C.'s "Irish" Mike Baker Trains with Redskins Team, Is Candidate for Middle title

By STU BERMAN

HE is not a politician, but, he is a candidate. Irish Mike Baker is running for the middleweight championship. Add to this the fact that he is training with the Washington Redskins pro football team and you have an interesting story.

Two years ago, Mike Baker was employed on Capitol Hill in the Publications Division of the U.S. Congress. About that time, Edward Bennett Williams, owner of the Redskins, saw Baker fight on the undercard at the Capital Centre. Williams and his head coach liked what they saw and signed the young boxer to a new contract through the year 1979.

Today, Irish Mike Baker's career is headed in a new direction. Since joining the no-nonsense Redskin organization, his daily program was changed drastically—no junk food, no drinking, no smoking, about 5 to 7 miles of roadwork a day, calisthenics and some light weightlifting. Coach Jack Pardee believes, "The first step to victory is conditioning. You can never waste time conditioning."

Pardee started Baker lifting light weights.

Author Stu Berman takes notes as he interviews former Redskins coach, George Allen.

Berman spent a day training with Baker. (Above) Berman, left, and Baker playfully spar and (right) author, left, and boxer, right, do some roadwork.

This has generally been frowned upon by traditional boxing trainers who feel that what you gain in strength you will lose in flexibility. However, Baker has successfully been lifting 70-pound barbells to strengthen his triceps and he'll do some bench presses to build up his chest muscles. All this under the watchful eye of his trainer, Jimmy Jones.

At Redskin Park in suburban Washington, Coach Allen installed a speedbag and heavy bag in the gymnasium. Says Pardee, "It's a natural to have a fighter use the facilities here. You see Irish Mike running laps around the football field with my quarterbacks." When asked to compare football players and boxers, the coach replied: "Actually, it is difficult to compare. The closest comparable position would be the linebacker, who has to have the strength and agility of a fighter. Also, they both have to have good footwork."

The Redskins trainers have been teaching Mike Baker a few lessons. For example, the new stretch coach has the boxer doing special stretch calesthenics before a heavy workout. Ostensibly, this will avoid muscle pulls. Also, the football trainers suggested that Irish Mike press ice cubes under each eye between rounds to reduce the swelling during a bout. Baker told us: "The whole experience has been terrific. I was almost ready to retire before I came out here. The regular meals and sleep habits improved my condition right away. And I went to the Redskins summer training camp. The coach feels the sun will toughen the skin and a boxer will be a diversion for the players."

Pulling himself up to about 6 feet even and 160 pounds, Mike Baker looked slightly uncomfortable wearing football jersey number 77. He borrowed it from defensive tackle Bill Bundige who occupies the next cubicle in the Redskins locker room. The football star, at 6 feet 5 inches and 270 pounds, looked like a life sized billboard for the Redskins.

Turning 25 years of age, Irish Mike Baker looks foward to the world's middleweight championship. He has held the U.S. Junior Middleweight title for fighters under 154 pounds. Baker is a local favorite at the Capital Centre in Washington where they are actively promoting the boxing business. Abe Pollin, who owns the arena promises, "A new look at boxing in this area with an exciting card about every six weeks. But, not a 10 cent beer night every time."

They were selling an overflowing cup of beer for a dime the night Irish Mike Baker fought for the Eli Hanover Memorial Trophy. The award is emblematic of the Maryland-District of Columbis middleweight championship. It honors the memory of the late Eli Hanover, long-time boxing promoter in the Baltimore-Washington corridor.

Irish Mike's opponent that night was Ralph Palladin, a former sparring partner of his from Finley's Gymnasium in Arlington, Virginia. At ringside, Shirley Povich, the revered writer of *The Washington Post*, talked animatedly about Baker's "football footwork and a terribly close contest." Then it happened, in the eighth round. Palladin threw a one-two combination and when he moved in their heads collided. As Baker stepped away, blood was streaming from a serious cut on the left side of his face. The ring physician quickly stopped the fight at 2:16 of the eighth round. Palladin later apologized for the "accidental" butt; however, he walked away with a TKO victory. For Irish Mike Baker—Washington's candidate for the middleweight crown—it was the unkindest cut of all. As in politics, the upcoming Irishman knows that you win some and you lose some.

The measure of the man is how you bounce back, and bounce back Mike did with a KO over Jean Claude Leclair at 75 seconds of the first round. Around Redskin Park, they will be watching closely as Irish Mike Baker's campaign for a title bout evolves in the coming months.

(Left) Gaspar Ortega checks over a program with Larry Amendola, a unit coordinator. (Below) Ortega as an 18-year-old boxer when he came to New York from Mexico to launch his American boxing career.

Ortega, Ex-Contender, Still Punching In Cause For Human Welfare

Former welterweight contender Ortega, now a unit coordinator for a bilingual work experience program for Hispanic persons at New Haven's Skill Center, listens in as instructor Alfredo LoGiudice works with a group of students.

By SAM COHEN

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—As a successful pro boxer during 1953-65, Gaspar (Indian) Ortega dished out plenty of punishment. But today, at age 42, the native of Mexico who fought Emile Griffith for the world welterweight title is a do-gooder concerned with human welfare in several ways.

Residing in this university city, Ortega holds down a daytime job in a program to better the life styles of underprivileged persons of Hispanic origin, mostly Puerto Ricans. Four nights a week, under Crossroads, Inc., he works as a drug counselor with addicted young people of the same extraction.

In addition, he's a part-time ambulance attendant who helps the injured, the wounded, and the sick of all colors and creeds. Altogether, it makes a very busy, intense routine.

"I like what I'm doing very much," he says simply, "because I like to help people."

It was a kind act on Ortega's part that indirectly brought him to New Haven.

In Mexico, in 1959, he was looked up by boxing buff John Hicks of New Haven, who was short of money for passage home after a

A family photo of the Ortega family includes, from left: Gaspar, Jr., Gaspar, Sr., son Michael, wife Ida, son Rene, and daughter Marta.

(Right) Ortega gives some tips to Efrain Melendes, standing, and Ruperto Gusman. (Below) Ortega, also a drug counselor on week nights and an ambulance attendant during weekends, is shown assisting a collegue and a New Haven policeman in giving first aid to a hit-and-run accident victim.

trip to Gaspar's homeland. Gaspar loaned him the money but was never repaid—in coin, that is. Instead, the compensation came after Ortega, then in New York, retired from the ring in 1965 and needed a helping hand.

It was then that Hicks responded by arranging a job and apartment in New Haven for Gaspar, married and the father of four.

"I started off as a community relations worker with Hispanic people in New Haven," he recalls, speaking gratefully at the same time of Hicks, now a Californian. Later, he became a field supervisor for CETA, the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act passed by Congress in 1973 which aids economically disadvantaged, unemployed minorities. New Haven's Manpower Administration handles CETA PROGRAMS.

While a field supervisor, Gaspar doubled by night at famed Yale-New Haven Hospital as an interpreter for Spanish-speaking persons in the institution's emergency section.

Nowadays, dating back a year and a half and based at a place called Skill Center, he's program co-ordinator for the Bilingual-Bicultural Adult Work Experience plan under a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor obtained by the Manpower Administration working closely with the JUNTA for Progressive Action and the Puerto Rican Advisory Council (PRAC).

Participants are paid CETA wages while they attend classes in basic skills and English, get work experience in a variety of vocations, and receive counseling to establish work goals.

On four nights, following his daytime work, Gaspar operates until a late hour in his adviser's role with young addicts. It's been going on about two years, and he genuinely feels he's been successful in his rehabilitation activity with youngsters who speak his native tongue.

As an ambulance worker, Gaspar is employed by a private firm which does city work. He started four years back, averaging three days weekly, but now works one or two days weekly, always on a weekend. The company manager, familiar with Gaspar's valuable ways as an interpreter who could "handle" distressed people well at the hospital, hired him as a "natural" for the job.

He had 160 hours of training for the specialized work. Speaking about it, he says: "The worst cases are victims of third-degree burns, stabbings, shotgun wounds, drownings, and bad auto accidents. By experience, you learn to endure them. The one thing I can't stand is anything bad happening to a child."

Gaspar, whose slightly-misshapen nose is the only tipoff of his onetime fighting trade, was born in Mexacali, Mexico in 1935, of a Spanish-Mexican father and a Zapoteca Indian mother, the latter responsible for his fistic nickname of "Indian" which Mexicans made "Indio." In his mid-teens, he was briefly, an amateur bullfighter as well as an amateur boxer. *(Continued on page 58)*

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LEON SPINKS* ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1—MUHAMMAD ALI† ..... Chicago, Ill.
2—KEN NORTON** ..... San Diego, Calif.
3—LARRY HOLMES ..... Easton, Pa.
4—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5—KALLIE KNOETZE ..... South Africa
6—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
7—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
8—ALFREDO EVANGELISTA ..... Spain
9—EARNIE SHAVERS ..... Warren, Ohio
10—GERRI COETZEE ..... South Africa

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—JOHN CONTEH ..... England
3—ALVARO (YAQUI) LOPEZ† ..... Stockton, Calif.
4—MATE PARLOV** ..... Yugoslavia
5—MIKE ROSSMAN ..... Turnersville, N.J.
6—MATT FRANKLIN ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
8—EDDIE GREGORY ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
9—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Kalamazoo, Mich.
10—MUSTAPHA WASSAJA ..... Uganda

HUGO CORRO

FIGHTER

OF THE MONTH

HUGO CORRO won this month's honors by defeating Rodrigo Valdes of Colombia, at San Remo, Italy by a 15-round decision.

Runner-ups for the month: Carlos Zarate for his win over Andre Hernandez at Puerto Rico, WBC bantamweight title; Bruce Curry's ninth-round kayo over Monroe Brooks for the U.S. junior welter crown; Panama's Eusebio Pedroza halting Spain's Cecilio Lastra, WBA featherweight title; Thailand's Muangsurin retaining his WBC junior welter championship with a kayo in 13 over Francisco Moreno. Puerto Rico's Wildredo Gomez holding on to WBC super-bantam title, via a knockout in seven, over Juan A. Lopez, Mexico; WBC feather king Danny Lopez beating Brazil's Jose DePaula; Marvin Hagler retaining his U.S. middleweight championship with an eight round knockout over Doug Demmings, Minneapolis; Colombia's Alfredo Pitalu getting nod over Mexico's Vicente Saldivar, lightweights; also in that division Edwin Viruet's kayo over Puerto Rico's Josue Marquez in ten and Sean O'Grady's knockout over ex-bantam king Romero Anaya, Mexico.

Light heavy's Eddie Gregory's win over Bo Scunkalo, moves him from ten to eight, inactive Johnson falls from eight to nine. Ex-WBC king Cuello drops out, making room for Uganda's Mustapha Wassaja, who beat Ernie Barr last time out.

Junior middles Alvin Anderson and Ray Phillips, both won last month, Anderson over Wilson Bell and Phillips defeated Joe Barrientos. This moves Anderson to eight; Phillips nine and Elisha Obed, kayoed last time out, falls from eight to ten.

The welters, Eddie Marcello and Jose Figueroa both winning, Eddie over Miguel Morales, Figueroa kayoing Julio Gomez, thereby moving up to eight and nine respectively, while inactive Azevedo drops to tenth.

In the junior welter class, Thailand's Muangsurin, WBC king moves into the number one spot. Cervantes dropping to second, Green winning over Roy Johnson moves him from four to three, Curry's winning over Brooks makes him five. Brooks falls from

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MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

HUGO CORRO ..... Argentina
1—RODRIGO VALDES ..... Colombia
2—MARVIN HAGLER† ..... Brockton, Mass.
3—RONNIE HARRIS ..... Akron, Ohio
4—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
5—DAVID LOVE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
7—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8—EDGAR WALLACE ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
9—GRATIEN TONNA ..... France
10—ALAN MINTER ..... England

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EDDIE GAZO* ..... Nicaragua
1—AYUB KALULE ..... Uganda
2—ROCKY MATTIOLI** ..... Australia
3—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
4—MIGUEL ANGEL CASTELLINI ..... Argentina
5—FRANK WISSENBACH ..... Germany
6—BILLY BACKUS† ..... Syracuse, N.Y.
7—EDGAR ROSS ..... Orlando, Fla.
8—ALVIN ANDERSON ..... Baltimore, Md.
9—RAY PHILLIPS ..... Dallas, Texas
10—ELISHA OBED ..... Nassau, Bahamas

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS PALOMINO** ..... Mexico
1—JOSE CUEVAS* ..... Mexico
2—PETE RANZANY† ..... Sacramento, Calif.
3—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—FLOYD MAYWEATHER ..... Detroit, Mich.
5—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
6—ARMANDO MUNIZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—HAROLD WESTON ..... New York, N.Y.
8—EDDIE MARCELLO ..... Trinidad, W.I.
9—JOSE FIGUEROA ..... Mexico
10—EVERALDO COSTA AZEVEDO ..... Argentina

CHAMPIONS *WBA **WBC †U.S.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
1—SAENSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
2—ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
3—DAVID GREEN ..... England
4—MIGUEL MONTILLA ..... Dominican Rep.
5—BRUCE CURRY† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—MONROE BROOKS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—LAURIE AUSTIN (BABY CASSIUS) ... Australia
8—JIMMY HEAIR ..... Memphis, Tenn.
9—JOE KIMPUANI ..... Zaire
10—TONY PETRONELLI ..... Brockton, Mass.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN ..... Panama
1—ANDREW GANIGAN† ..... Honolulu, Hawaii
2—ESTEBAN DeJESUS ..... Puerto Rico
3—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
4—TERMITE WATKINS ..... Houston, Texas
5—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico
6—ALFREDO PITALUA ..... Colombia
7—JIM WATT ..... Scotland
8—VICENTE SALDIVAR ..... Mexico
9—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
10—ANTONIO GUINALDO ..... Spain

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ALEXIS ARGUELLO** ..... Nicaragua
2—ALFREDO ESCALERA† ..... Puerto Rico
3—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
4—FRANKIE BALTAZAR ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5—WALTER SEELEY ..... Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
6—ARTURO LEON ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
7—WARREN MATTHEWS ..... New Orleans, La.
8—DIEGO ALCALA ..... Panama
9—NATLIO VEZZOLI ..... Italy
10—BOBBY CHACON ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—DANNY LOPEZ**† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
3—RICHARD ROZELLE ..... Columbia, Ohio
4—CECILIO LASTRA ..... Spain
5—RUBEN CASTILLO ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
6—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
7—HONG SOO-HWAN ..... South Korea
8—DAVID POISON KOTEY ..... Ghana
9—MIKE AYALA ..... San Antonio, Texas
10—ROBERTO GASTANON ..... Spain

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE LUJAN* ..... Panama
1—CARLOS ZARATE* ..... Mexico
2—WILFREDO GOMEZ† ..... Puerto Rico
3—ALFONSO ZAMORA ..... Mexico
4—FRANCO ZURLO ..... Italy
5—ROBERTO RUBALDINO ..... Mexico
6—LEO CRUZ ..... Dominican Republic
7—LUPE PINTOR ..... Mexico
8—FRANK DURATE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—JOSE MIRANDA ..... Panama
10—ANDRES HERNANDEZ ..... Puerto Rico

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Merida, Mexico
1—GUTY ESPADAS* ..... Mexico
2—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
3—FRANCO UDELLA ..... Italy
4—FREDDY CASTILLO ..... Mexico
5—AL SANDOVAL† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—JUAN GUZMAN ..... Dominican Rep.
7—LUIS ESTABA ..... Venezuela
8—FREDDY HERNANDEZ ..... Colombia
9—JOSE ORTIZ ..... Puerto Rico
10—CHARLIE MAGRI ..... England

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAME	PRO DEBUT	TOTAL BOUTS	WON	LOST	DRAWS	KO'S
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Robert Bruce Grandham	3/76	11	7	3	1	5
Houston, Texas				(no contest)		
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Domingo D'Ella	9/73	17	15	1	1	7
Argentina						
JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT						
Herman Montes	6/77	8	8	0	0	5
Los Angeles, Calif.						
FLYWEIGHT						
D.C. Cunninham	5/77	4	4	0	0	2
Cincinnati, Ohio						

JUNE WAS THE MONTH FOR LOUIS; OUTDOOR TITLE BOUTS HIS FORTE

By JOE LEE

JUNE and spoon and moon were popular words with old-time song writers but the month of June had a special significance to former heavyweight champion Joe Louis.

Louis, now 64, and considered a Living Legend in the boxing world, did not use June as a romantic time of year. In fact, he had the most disappointing moment of his career on June 19, 1936, when a beetle-browed German fighter named Max Schmeling upset the boxing world by knocking Louis out in the twelfth round at the Yankee Stadium in the days before television and closed cirucit TV.

It was a dark day in June for the Brown Bomber, considered one of the hardest hitters of his time. Yet, as ring history continued, June proved to be the best month of the year for Louis.

Exactly one year and three days after the disappointing Schmeling fight, on June 22, 1937, Louis stopped James J. Braddock in eight rounds for the world heavyweight championship.

Even though he owned the most sought after title in the ring, Louis still had a burning desire to fight Schmeling again. He felt the title was a hollow victory unless he beat Schmeling in a return bout.

After three defenses, the bout with Schmeling was held in the Yankee Stadium on June 22, 1938. It was an era when Adolph Hitler had his army marched through Europe, committing atrocities under the banner of the Master Race. Schmeling would have gained tremendous favor with the Feurer if he could repeat his victory over Louis.

But no one in Germany figured on the power-laden fists of Joe Louis. Schmeling was battered badly and knocked out in the first round, Louis had proven to himself that he was truly the champion and the world rejoiced at the outcome.

From there on, the memorable record of Louis is dotted with ring triumphs and strangely enough, many of them came in the month of June.

In 1939, Louis belted the rough Tony

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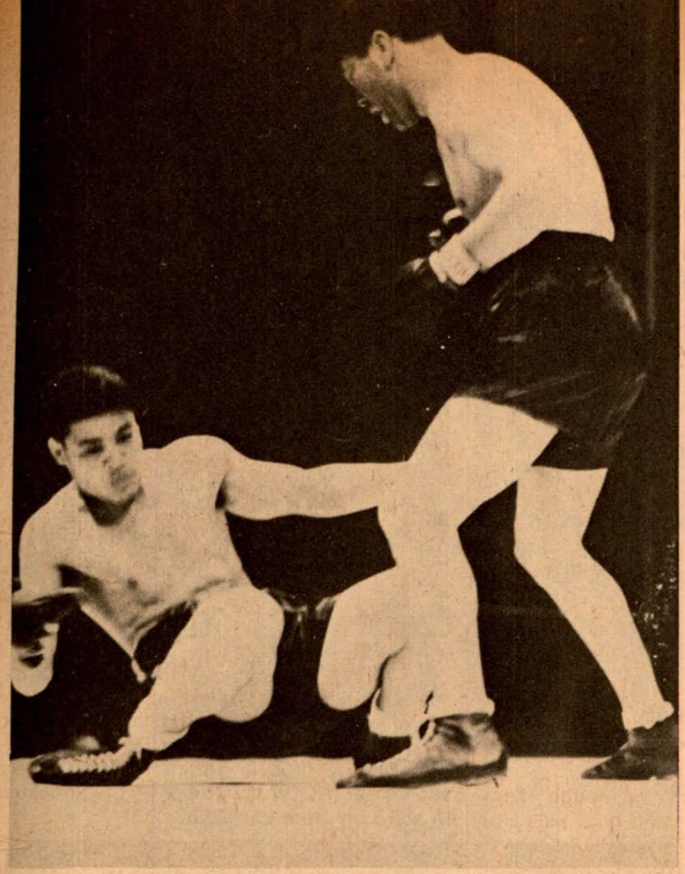
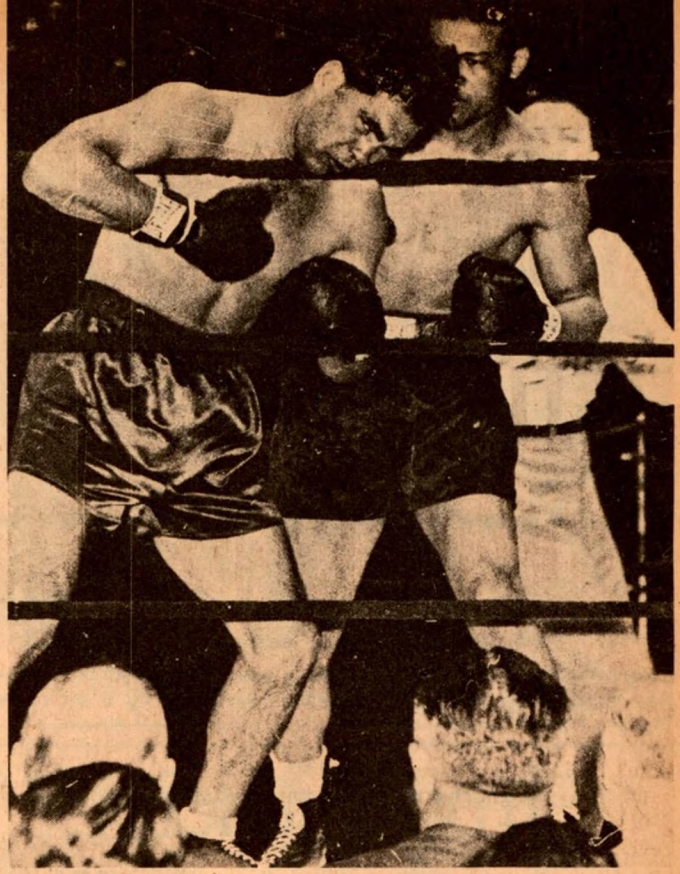
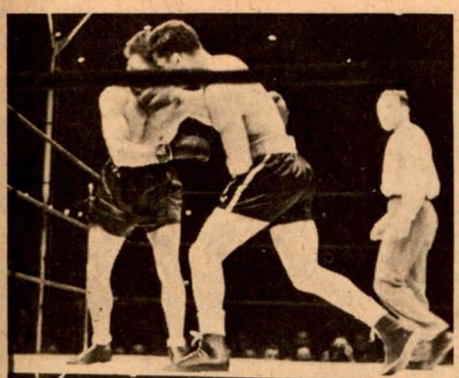
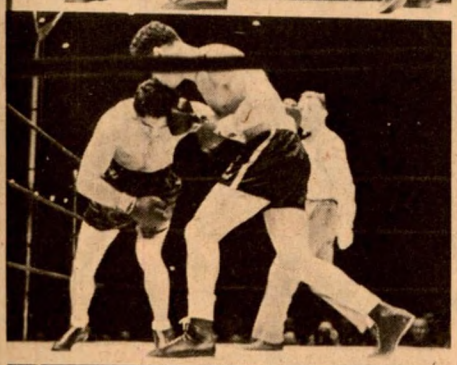
Joe Louis (above) takes spin at roulette wheel when he was host at the Pigallo Sporting Club in London's West End. Below. Bomber Joe is getting Primo Carnera set up for KO shot. Joe won by knockout in sixth on June 25, 1935.

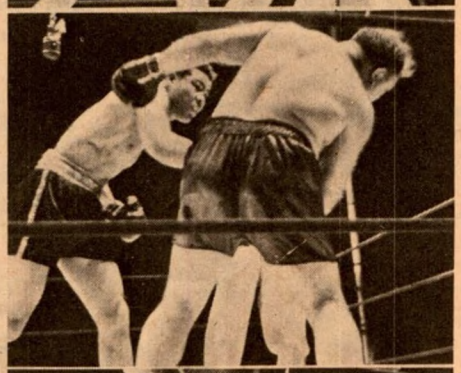


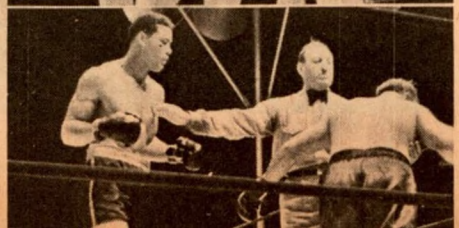


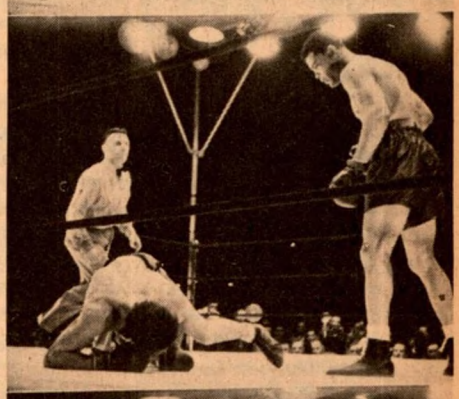
Max Schmeling hovers over the fallen Joe Louis in their first meeting, in June of 1936. Schmeling stopped Joe in the 12th round. In his return bout with Schmeling, Louis dealt out a lot of punishment as Schmeling appears dazed (top right) and used ring ropes for support. In this title bout on June 22, 1938, Joe finished Schmeling in one round. (Below left) Arturo Godoy feels the might of Louis' fists in a June bout in 1940. Godoy was knocked out in eight rounds. The fury in Louis' gloves can almost be felt as the sequence of photos shows Louis landing a right to Tony Galento's jaw which stopped him in the fourth round in June of 1939. Below right shows Louis putting finishing touches to Billy Conn in their first fight at the Polo grounds in the 13th round in June of '41.











Referee Pete Hartley says the fight is over! He's about to declare Ray Impellittiere winner over Tommy Loughran by a six round TKO.

(Above) Loughran protests Hartley's decision. The "end" of the bout came at 2:10 of the round. Commissioners Phelan and Brown later overruled Hartley and ordered the fight to continue. (Below) The Winnah! Tommy Loughran waves to crowd after receiving the decision at the end of ten rounds. Impellittiere outweighed Loughran by seventy pounds.

Impellittiere TKO'd Loughran- And Lost The Fight!

By LOUIS ZIPKIN

CAN a fighter win a fight by a K.O., and still lose the decision?

Think it's impossible? Well, it happened, and I was there.

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It was a Wednesday evening, November 22, 1933, at the New York Coliseum, second largest arena in New York, next to (the old) Madison Square Garden. Impellittiere

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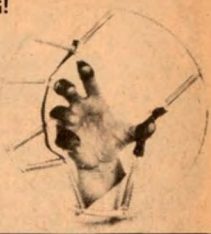

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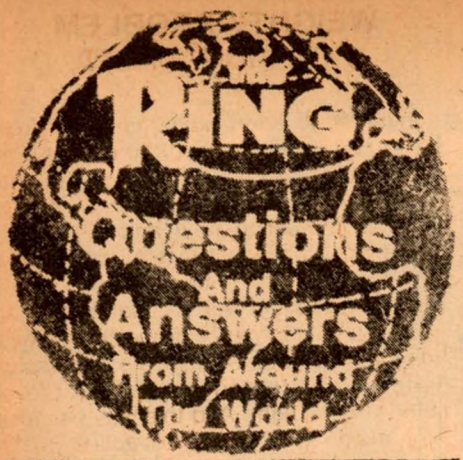

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Q. Could you please tell me if, and when, a heavyweight champion ever fought a non-title fight other than an exhibition?

Robert D. Morrison
Wareham, Mass.

Q. Could you tell me if there has been any heavyweight champion who has had a fight that was not for the champion?

Tom Vesely
Dallas, Oregon

A. The answer is the same to both the above queries. Any heavyweight fight outside of a title defense is considered an exhibition.

Q. Whatever happened to a former boxer named Jimmy Sullivan? He fought out of Miami, Fla., in his heyday.

A. Jimmy Sullivan was a traffic cop in Miami for ten years. He was elected Dade County Sheriff in a landslide and his troubles began. After a term in cffice, Sullivan stopped smiling. He admitted to banking $70,000 while on a $10,000 salary. According to the Miami Herald, his confession was to the U.S. Senate Crime Commission of Estes Kefauver. He died embittered but never imprisoned, hating, especially, the press.

Q. I am aware that Barney Ross, Carmen Basilio, Paul Pender, and Leon Spinks are ex-Marines that have won titles. Are there any other ex-Marines to win world championships?

Ruggles Larson
Tacoma, Wash.

A. Gene Tunney comes to mind immediately. Outside of him, I can't think of any others to add to your list.

Q. I have watched with great interest the Ring Championship Belt awarded to champions in their respective divisions. Yet, I have not heard of Spinks receiving one. Is that because he was stripped of his title by the WBC?

A. Since receiving the above query, Leon Spinks has received his championship belt. At this writing, he is still considered the heavyweight champion by *Ring Magazine*. His belt was the 279th awarded by *Ring Magazine* since its inception in 1922. The Ring Championship belt was presented by Nat Loubet, Editor of Ring Magazine.

Q. Please tell me the result of a fight fought in Scranton, Pa., between Micky Serrian of Scranton and Nick Pastor of Brooklyn.

Charles Ferrara
Stratford, Conn.

A. Serrian won a ten-round decision.

Q. In these days of fabulous purses, I wondered if you could tell me the figure of the largest money stakes fought for in the days of the bare knuckles and skin-tight gloves era?

Al Buff
Hicksville, N.Y.

A. The biggest purse in those days came when James J. Corbett beat John L. Sullivan in 1892. The stakes and purse came to a total of $45,000. The following year, Bob Fitzsimmons beat Jon Hall for a purse of $40,000.

Q. To settle an argument and a wager, could you tell me if Ernie Terrell ever held the WBA or WBC version of the heavyweight title? If so, what year or years did he hold the title? Who did he beat for this honor and how did he lose it?

M/Sgt. E. Harvey
Omaha, Ne.

A. Yes, Terrell did win the WBA version of the heavyweight title by gaining a decision over Eddie Machen (fifteen rounds) in Chiago in 1965. He retained it against George Chuvalo in Toronto (Nov. 1, 1965) and Doug Jones in Houston, Tex., on June 28, 1966. He lost the WBA title to Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali) on Feb. 6, 1967, in Houston, Texas.

Q. When I was a kid, every Friday night my dad watched the fights from home on TV from Madison Square Garden. Nowadays, I see some occasional fights on Saturday afternoons. Whatever happened to the Friday Night Fights from the Garden?

James Ness
Queens, N.Y.

A. Twenty years of television boxoing under the aegis of Madison Square Garden and the Gillette company, came to a close on Aug. 21, 1964 with the television of the Johnny Persol-Henry Hank bout. However, television and boxing did not part company. Harry Markson, director of boxing at the Garden at the time, said he was confident of TV backing any time he came up with a big match.

Q. In your March issue, you ran a boxing quiz on page 79. Your answer to question #6 stated that two fighters who fought both Jack Dempsey as well as Joe Louis were Jack Sharkey and Jack Roper.

I have a 1977 RING RECORD BOOK and it states that only Jack Sharkey fought both Dempsey and Louis. Please explain.

Mr. N. Kashak
Windsor, Ontario

A. There is nothing to explain Mr. Kashak because you're absolutely correct. The writer made a boo-boo. The question that I should have used is . . . "There are only three fighters in the history of the heavyweight division who have fought both Ezzard Charles and Muhammad Ali. One of them is former light heavyweight champion Archie Moore. Can you name the other two?

If you said George Logan and Donnie Fleeman, you're correct again.

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LIKES RING RECORD BOOK

I am in receipt of your letter and the *Ring Record Book* that you sent me. Reading through it sure brings back some old and fond memories. I appreciate your consideration and understanding.

Years ago, I use to go to Stillman's and workout and also at Cus' gym on 14th Street. I guess the fight game is still in my blood and probably will always be. It's a swell and nostalgic feeling to see *The Ring* going stronger than ever. Keep up the great work.

Dominick Codisponti
Pittsburgh, Pa.

LIKED THE MONTANEZ STORY

I am writing to express my appreciation for the detailed job you did at my request. I am the man who asked you for help pertaining to knowledge of my father, Pedro Montanez. May I say you did an excellent job and the photograph was very good. You are the prime example of the goodness of people that is, at times, difficult to find.

Carl Montanez
Joliet, Ill.

ON ROCKY MARCIANO

I have been reading the comments on Rocky Marciano with interest. I do not claim or disclaim whether Rocky was the greatest. That will be argued forever.

(a) Louis was past his prime when they fought, that cannot be denied. (b) Walcott was 38 when they fought but he was 37 when he won the title and had successfully defended it several times. (c) Ezzard Charles outweighted Marciano 192 to 187. His age didn't matter, as a clever boxer is tough at any age. The claim that he fought small heavyweights is not valid as Louis, Walcott, Charles, Cockell and Rex Layne were all 6-foot or better and outweighed him easily (d) Archie Moore KO'd more men than any fighter in history and he remained light heavyweight champion for several years after his fight with Rocky.

The gripes about him are mostly from young men who underrate older fighters. The contenders then were, by far and large, no worse than the ones today.

John R. Gamble
Jacksonville, Fla.

HE FAVORS ALI AS "GREATEST"

Recent letters to Punch Lines have raised the passionate debate: Who was the greatest heavyweight of all time? The question is akin to who the greatest president was, or who the greatest baseball or basketball player was. Such questions cannot be answered, or, at least, if they are, the answer cannot be proved.

As intriguing as the question is, the closest we can come to an agreement is to ask who the five greatest champions were. There can be no doubt that the group includes (in alphabetical order) Ali, Dempsey Johnson, Louis and Marciano. I favor Ali (vintage 1967), but, alas, I have no proof.

John Hensley
Westchester, Ill.

AGREES WITH ZARATE SELECTION

Thank you for selecting Carlos Zarate as 1977 "Fighter of the Year." Zarate is to be congratulated for his ability to rise above the usual emphasis on heavyweights by the American sports media.

Aside from Zarate, other non-heavyweights are doing an excellent job of keeping boxing alive. Carlos Palomino is an excellent fighter to watch, as is Duran, DeJesus, Arguello, Lopez and Benitez.

Brian Zelley
Victoria, BC

WEIGHTY PROBLEM FOR MUHAMMAD

In order to keep Muhammad Ali from embarrassing the sport of boxing after he has done so much to give color and contoversy to the sport, I would like to suggest something new and different. I would like to suggest that Ali be given a 218-pound weight limit, when he fights Ken Norton again. Ali has not shown an up to par performance since the Manilla affair's which was Ali's greatest offensive performance, second only to the Cleveland Williams fight. And this was because Ali's mind and body were active in the sport of boxing.

The 218-pound limit would be a goal for Ali, since he keeps promising this weight for his fights but becomes occupied with other things. This weight limit would put Ali back into the game both mentally and physically due to the time it would take Ali to whip himself back into this weight limit. He would take have more endurance and be lighter and faster. Norton could be Ali's last fight due to the fact that Norton beat Ali in their first fight by only a slight point advantage when Ali was completely out of shape, and makes Ali train with less dedication than he would for Foreman or Frazier.

Ali has made this weight only one time since regaining the title, and that was against the wrestler.

Angelo Dundee commented at that time "Ali is in perfect condition and could easily beat Norton and Foreman the only problem is to get him to stay in this condition" at the 218-pound weight. He didn't and everyone knows what happened in Norton III bout.

I call on all boxing representatives and fans to push for this solution so Ali may keep his greatness intact.

Walter Violetta
Oklahoma City, Ok.

STRIPPING SPINKS OF TITLE HEIGHT OF STUPIDITY

I cannot believe the W.B.C. has stripped Leon Spinks of his heavyweight title, and declared Ken Norton champion! We all know W.B.C. has done some asinine things in the past, but they have reached the height of stupidity this time.

I certainly hope RING MAGAZINE has more sense, and recognizes Mr. Spinks as the legal champion and stands behind him. It is true that many boxing fans (and I being one of them) do not believe Mr. Spinks will be able to hold on to the title very long; but titles are won and lost in the ring, not just because a boxing body

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Part Two of a Series

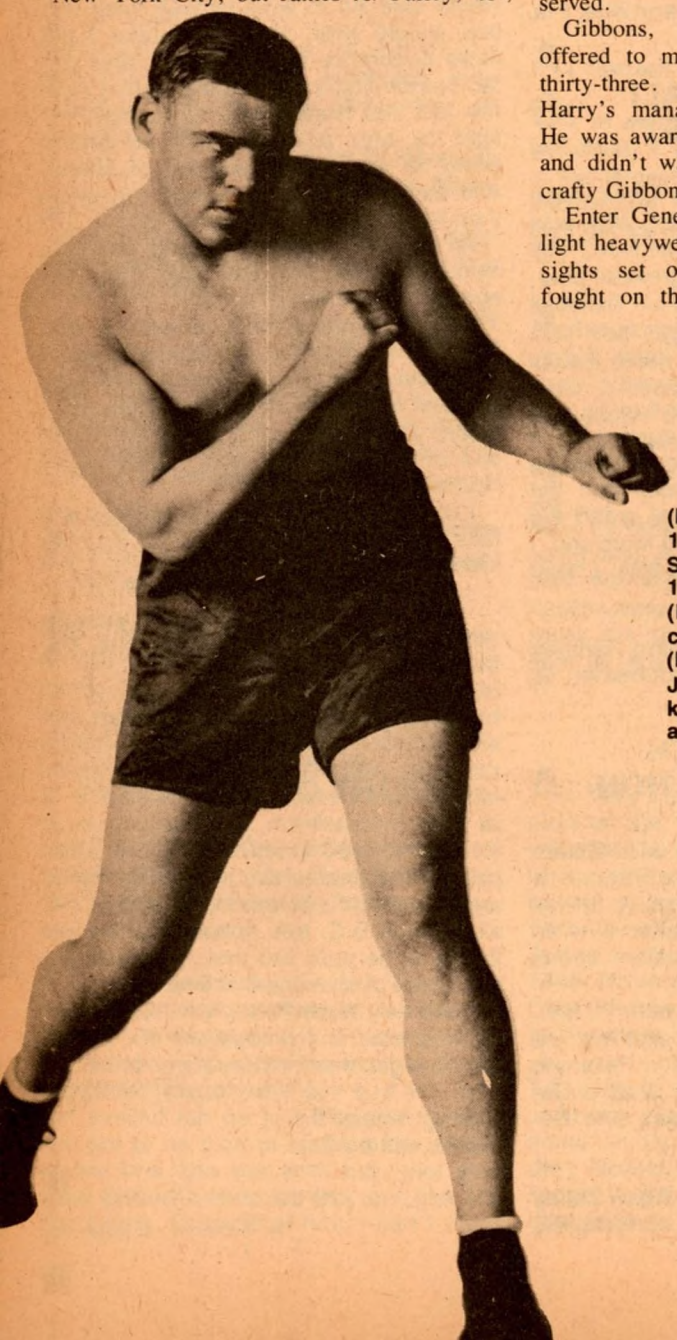
CONTENDERS: HEAVYWEIGHTS

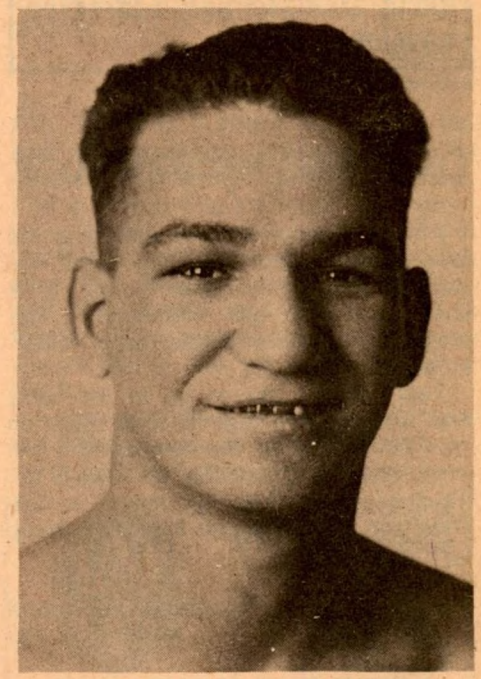
By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

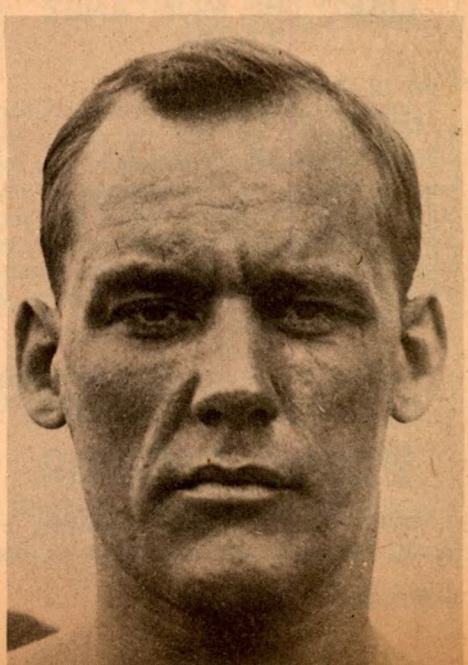
TOMMY Gibbons was a master boxer. A legitimate light heavyweight, he'd traveled fifteen rounds with Dempsey in a bid for the latter's heavyweight title in Shelby, Montana on July 4, 1923. Early in 1925, Gibbons started pressing for a rematch, to be held in New York City, but James A. Farley, Sr., then chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, informed Tommy and his manager, Eddie Kane, that Dempsey would not be permitted to fight in New York unless Harry Wills was his opponent. Wills had been the top contender for the title for the past five years, and Farley was determined that he get the championship shot he so deserved.

Gibbons, who was thirty-four, then offered to meet Wills, who was listed as thirty-three. (He was actually thirty-six.) Harry's manager, Paddy Mullins, refused. He was aware that Wills was past his best, and didn't want to risk a meeting with the crafty Gibbons.

Enter Gene Tunney. Gene was the U.S. light heavyweight champion, but had had his sights set on Jack Dempsey since he'd fought on the undercard to the Dempsey-Carpentier title bout in Jersey City on July 2, 1921. Most of Tunney's opponents were light heavyweights, but he had managed to outpoint such heavyweights as Martin Burke, Joe Lohman, and Chuck Wiggins. Tunney also held a knockout over Italian heavyweight champion Erminio Spalla, but there was nothing to indicate that he would







(Left) Bud Gorman fought from 1915 until 1931. He beat Jack Sharkey in Boston, August 17, 1925. (Right, above) Emilio (King) Solomon, "heavyweight champion of Central America." (Right, below) Harry Persson, Jarva, Sweden, was well known for his tattoos. He was also a tough fighter.

be a threat to Dempsey, as far as the boxing public was concerned.

Tunney offered to meet Gibbons. This was agreed to by Gibbons and Kane, and the bout was held at the Polo Grounds on June 5, 1925. Tunney knocked out Gibbons in the twelfth round, sending him into retirement. Gene then challenged Dempsey, but Commissioner Farley still stood firm in his decision to bar Jack from fighting in New York unless Wills was his opponent.

Gene then offered to meet Wills, but Paddy Mullins turned him down. Tunney, born in 1897, was eight years younger than Wills, and Paddy didn't want to jeopardize his fighter's chances of a bout with Dempsey. Mullins thought a Dempsey-Wills fight was inevitable, since New York was the fight capital and Farley had determined that the champ would fight Harry or no one if he wanted to defend his title anywhere in New York State.

Tunney needed something he could point to as "proof" that he deserved a title shot as much, or more, than Wills. He got it on September 25, 1925, when he faced Bartley Madden in a scheduled ten-round bout in Minneapolis.

Madden was a thirty-five-year-old war horse, durable and tough. He'd started fighting in his native Galway back in 1910, and, since coming to the States in 1912, had met most of the leading heavyweights. Madden, who stood 5'10½", was a fair boxer, but lacked the knockout punch that would have made him a serious contender. Like Gibbons, Madden never had been knocked out. Not even Wills could stop the hardy Irishman, who'd forced him to go fifteen rounds in Long Island City on June 8, 1924.

Tunney, still considered a light heavyweight by many, had been gaining weight, drinking at least two quarts of milk a day, and had not defended his U.S. light heavyweight crown for nearly two years. Gene came in for Madden at 186, while Bartley tipped the scales at 189.

Tunney had improved remarkably within the space of just a few short months. The added poundage seemed to help him, as his lightning-like left jab never missed its mark and he showed increased power in his right. In the third round, Gene backed Madden into a corner, opened him up with a left jab, and crossed a crushing right to Bartley's jaw.

Madden toppled over on his back, but managed to get up at nine. Tunney followed with a short left hook that put the man from Galway on the floor, face downward, where he strove ineffectually to rise before he was counted out.

Game as Bartley was, his fight with Tunney was never a contest. Tunney landed on the veteran almost at will. Billy Gibson, Tunney's manager, declared that Gene, who had become the first man to stop Bartley Madden, was prepared to fight either Dempsey or Wills.

Mullins once again refused the Tunney offer to meet Wills. This gave Tex Rickard all the ammunition that he needed to promote a Dempsey-Tunney fight. Tunney, he declared, by knocking out both Gibbons and Madden and offering to fight Wills, had proven himself worthy of a title fight.

The rest, of course, is history. Tunney thoroughly trounced Dempsey over ten rounds on September 23, 1926 and won the title by unanimous decision. Due to Farley's stand, the bout was held in Philadelphia. Ironically, the end of Dempsey's reign as champion was followed by the defeat of Jack's rival, Wills, by Jack Sharkey. Sharkey handed the thirty-seven-year-old Wills a thorough lacing, and was far out in front when referee Patsy Haley disqualified Harry for fouling in the thirteenth round. That was on October 12, just nineteen days after the Tunney-Dempsey fight.

As for Bartley Madden, he had only a few bouts, of little consequence, after his defeat by Tunney. On March 5, 1930, he fell twenty-eight feet from a balcony in the U.S. Treasury in Washington, D.C. A passerby saw him lying o the concrete roadway and

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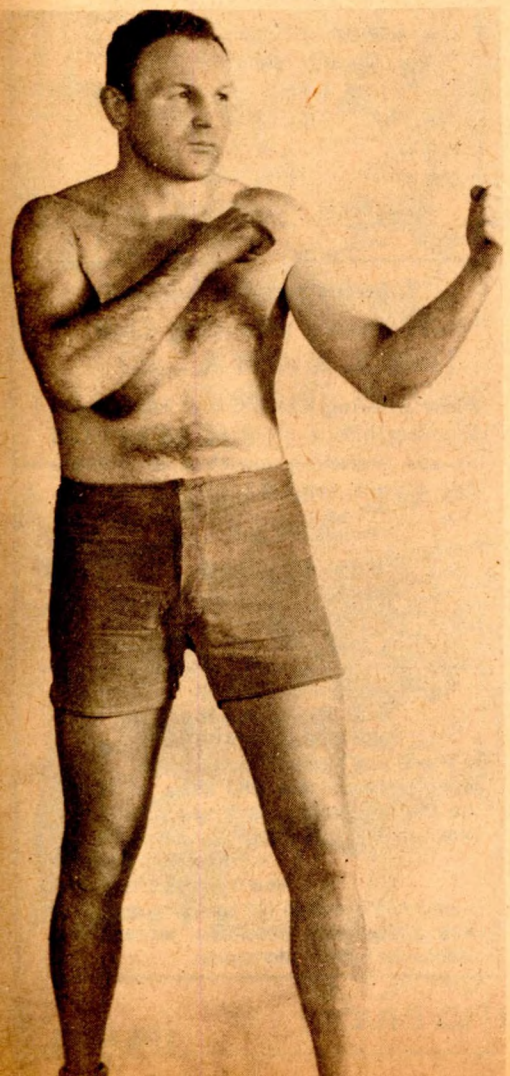

Young Bob Fitzsimmons, son of the immortal "Freckled Bob." Fitzsimmons, Jr. fought from 1919 to 1931, going twelve rounds each with men like Charley Weinert, Bud Gorman, and Johnny Risko. Young Bob kayoed Quinton Romero Rojas in three rounds.

Durable Bartley Madden went fifteen hard rounds with Harry Wills in 1924. Born in Galway, Madden settled in America in 1912. He returned to Ireland for a twenty-round fight with Tom Heeney of Australia, 1926. Bout was held in Dublin.

CORRO-VALDEZ

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eryone who witnessed the fight, the handwriting was definitely on the wall. In all fairness to the ex-champion, this was most certainly not the same Rodrigo Valdes who twice went the distance with Carlos Monzon, but a very tired fighter who looked a lot older than his thirty-two years. As for the new champion, much of Valdes' lacklustre performance *must* be attributed to Corro's tight defense as well as his ability to mix up his attack in order to keep his opponent off balance.

Corro's manager, Tito Lecoure, who also worked with former middleweight champion Carlos Monzon, would not be trapped for an opinion on how his young charge would do against the former champ should Carlos launch a comeback. Your writer will also decline to draw an opinion based on the fact that Monzon will be thirty-six in August and I've only seen Corro fight once. Hence, any comment would be mere speculation. One thing that is most certainly not speculation, however, is the fact that, as of this wriging, Hugo Corro is the undisputed middleweight champion of the world.

N.Y.-CHI. GG

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again. Hodge's kids should be happy because Rosario says the 23-year-old plumber is Olympic bound.

William Costello came into the ring as a spittin' image of Sylvester Stallone's Rocky Balboa. Costello is Italian. So is Rocky. And he works in a meat plant. Costello however, is more likely to make his dream of becoming a member of the Olympic team come truer than Rocky did his hope of beating Apollo Creed.

And his fight with Chicagoan Paul Williams couldn't have been better if it had been made in Hollywood. Costello had the strength and finesse, and he used it to drop Williams for eight early in round one and wobble him again seconds later. But the Illinois State University senior used his instincts to make it to the end of the first session.

In retrospect, it was Costello's opening volley that saved the fight for New York. Williams came roaring back to win the next two rounds with a clever display of skill and determination.

Following his fight plan to a tee, Williams kept Costello from center ring as much as he could while pouring into the New Yorker off the ropes and in the corners. And when he wasn't punching, he was all arms, embracing Costello like a father embraces his son at his *matrimonio*.

Although Williams never appeared to hurt Costello, his adrenalin provided enough reserve to enable him to keep punching well enough to force the judges to a split opinion.

Despite the closeness of the Williams outcome, Rosario thinks Costello and 156-pound Alex Ramos have his team's best shots to make the Olympics. Costello praised Williams off handedly. "He never hurt me, but I just couldn't get him set up after the first round. And even then, when I had him, I couldn't put him away."

Ramos, a handsome high school student, toyed with Brian Mathews for three rounds. Mathews displayed few of the skills he used to dispose of 1977 intercity champion Roosevelt Green during their Chicago championship match. Mathews looked much stronger in last month's tussle.

Perhaps the Windy City would have been better off with Green after all. At least he might have repeated last year's performance, when he defeated Johnny Hayes, and Chicago would have made the score a more respectable 5-6.

As it was, Chicago was glad to get two more victories. The first resulted in a close call that saw choir singer Ken Jones, substituting for the overweight Ken Daniels, outduel the twenty-three-year-old Bronx favorite, Richard Flores.

The last saw another 1977 winner, light heavyweight turned middleweight Randy Smith, win unimpressively against Norberto Sabater, who just one week previous had knocked out the lightheavy champion from Ireland with one punch.

If Chicago hasn't seemed as impressive after the sixteen year hiatus between competition with New York, it's primarily due to what former intercity fighter Brian O'Shea says, is a "more rigorous enforcement of the rules."

O'Shea, the most prolific of an illustrious Chicago boxing family which boasts three national Golden Gloves Champions, (Rory and Thomas), wondered aloud if many of the boxers in the fifties and early sixties would have fared as well under the more strict enforcement of the rules. "They're trying to change boxing from a sport to a science," the spunky O'Shea, who has won over one hundred bouts, said.

"When we were fighting, we got away with all kinds of stuff, holding, butting. These fighters would get penalized for that."

Former WBA heavyweight champion Ernie Terrell, who opened the matches by singing the national anthem, and who was a Chicago winner in the 1957 Chicago-New York bouts, agreed with Rosario's geographical assessment of the Midwest team. "Yeah, we drew guys from all over the West. But the set up was different then. Everyone from Indiana to the West Coast had to compete in the Tournament of Champions, which were held in Chicago. You'd have to fight once or sometimes twice a night. All the winners fought for Chicago against New York.

"Nowadays, the tournaments are split up over the country. It's every man for himself. We'd have four hundred guys entered in the Tournament of Champions. Now a guy like Lynumm doesn't even have to fight to become Chicago champion. He might be an exception because no one really wants to fight him. But there are other guys who get into the championship of this city with one bout."

Terrell also agreed with Rosario's assessment of New York. He ticked off the same names as Olympic prospects and future professionals. "Especially Hodge. He's going to be dynamite." But the Chicago ex-champ was disappointed that Chicagoan Ken Daniels didn't fight. "It's too bad he was over the weight limit. I think he has the most potential of all."

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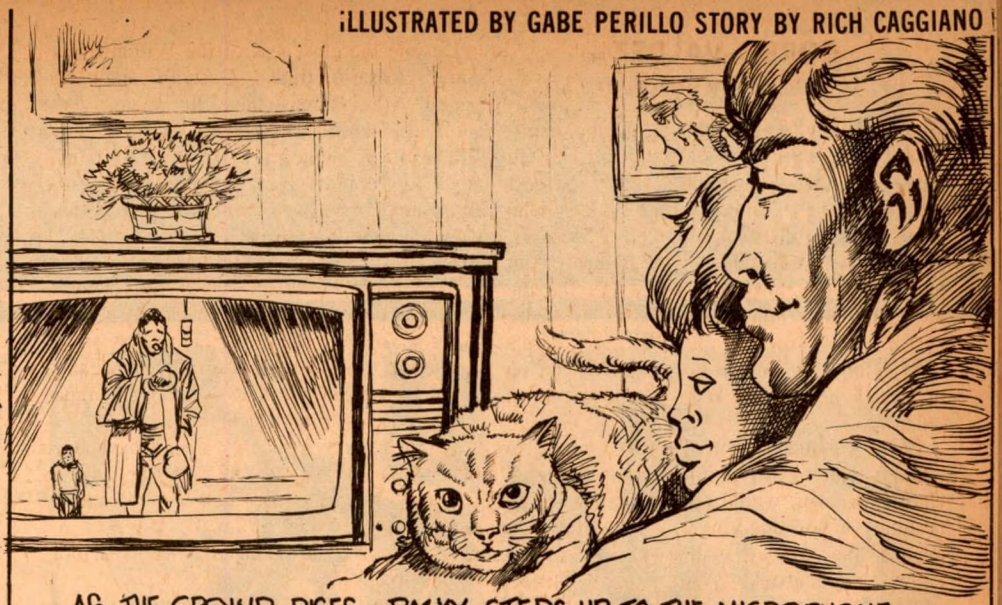

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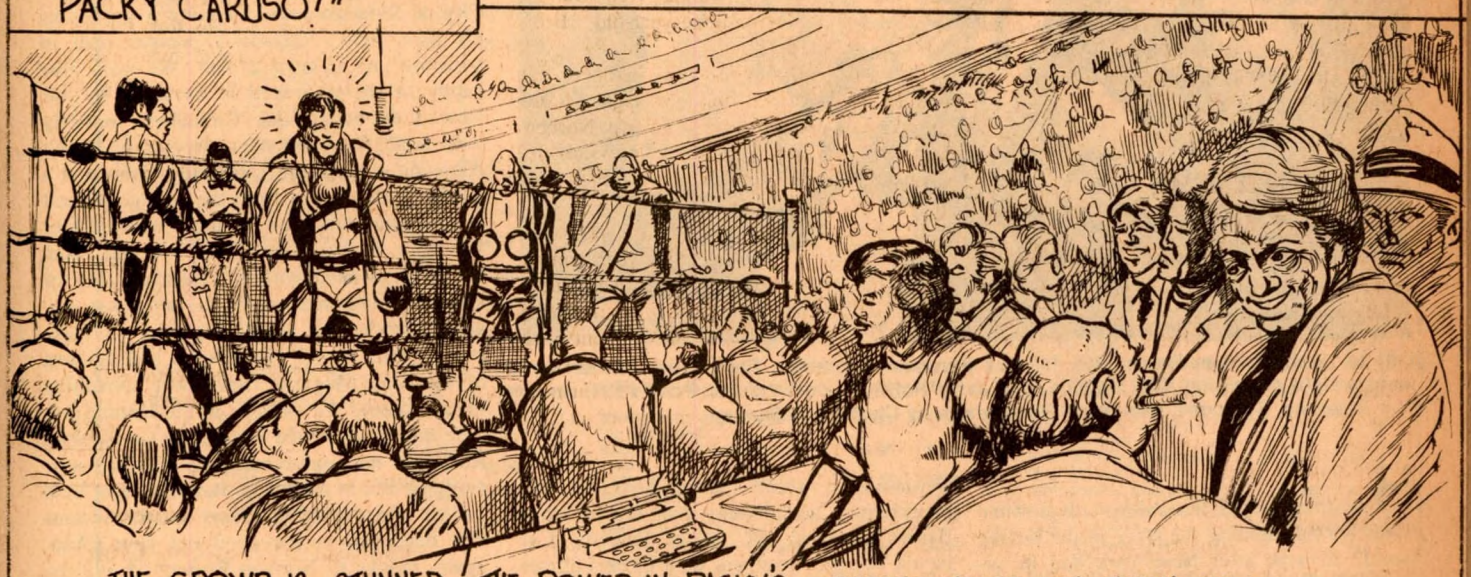

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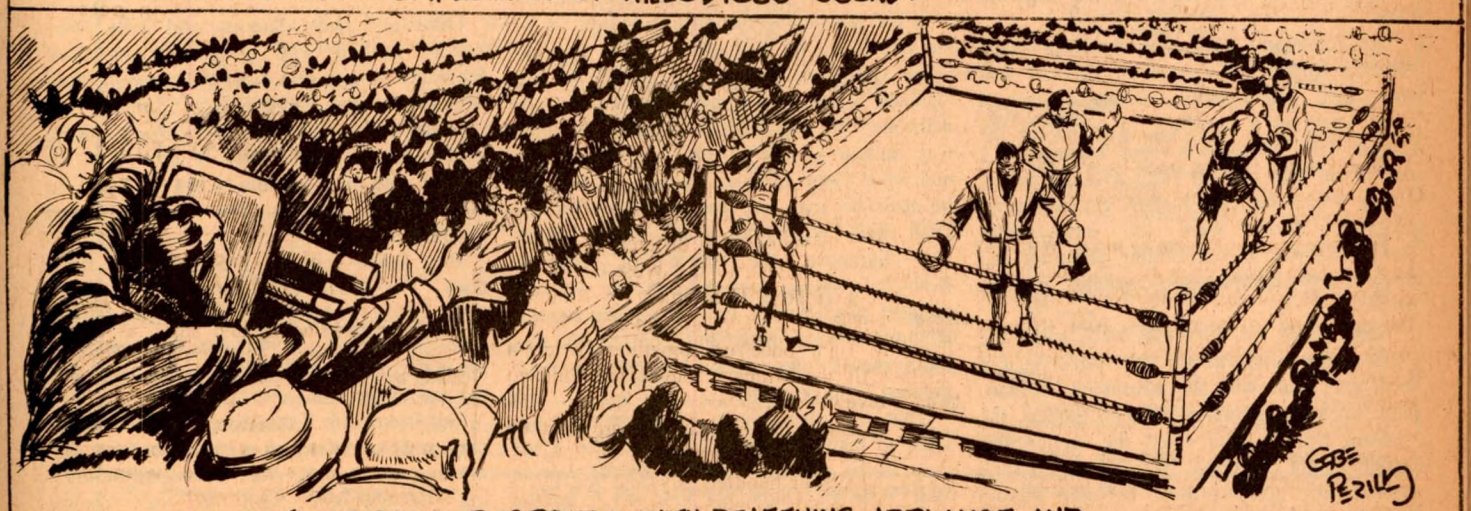

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By SAM TAUB

Left to right: Norman Rothschild, famous Syracuse Promoter, Sam Taub, former world welterweight champion Billy Backus, and Jerry Hoffman, commander, Post #131, Jewish War Veterans, Syracuse, New York. Photograph by Clement H. Murray.

How many recall the halcyon days when Syracuse was holding the stage in the boxing world? It came after New York had its inning and after Buffalo, with Charley Murray and the Queensbury Arena, had established that town as the mecca for fistic fireworks in the time of Jimmy Slattery, NBA 175-pound king.

But for many years, in the days when Norman Rothschild was in the driver's seat with many title matches, Syracuse enjoyed many years as a headliner of action in the Empire State. Norman covered a quarter of a century in that popular burg as a promoter, during which he staged many championship matches. Those were the days when Rothschild was an outstanding promoter and held many championship matches in that town.

Babe Risko, of Syracuse, once ruled the roost as the middleweight title holder in that local and then, with the advent of Norman, came such champions as Carmen Basilio, the "Onion Man," who ruled the welter and middleweight divisions. Norman staged such notable title goes as those between Basilio and Kid Gavilan, the "Cuban Hawk," Tony DeMarco, in which Carmen won the 147-pound title, and Johnny Saxton, in which Basilio regained the welter diadem. Carmen's two get togethers with Gene Fullmer, the Mormon, were never to be forgotten settos.

Rothschild has become a fixture in his locale, albeit he no longer is a promoter, but is in the automobile business in Fulton, N.Y. He will never be forgotten. Basilio also became middleweight champ when he decisioned Sugar Ray Robinson and then was dethroned by the Harlem beauty. Norman was ranked as star of the promotion crew and when Gene Fullmer reached the heights, he later became sole representative for the Utah man. When you spoke about boxing and Syracuse the name of Norman Rothschild always popped up. He was the greatest promoter in that area. His accomplishments were many and even to this day the Syracuse folks speak of Norman as their greatest fight promoter.

That was also proven when we were invited to take the American Airline to Syracuse to be principal speaker at the Jewish War Veterans Onondaga Post #131 annual gettogether which saw many celebrities on hand including ex-welter king Billy Backus, a likeable one. Carmen Basilio, #1 ex-king of that rea, couldn't make it as he had a paying engagement that night in Rochester, N.Y. But also present were Johnny DeJohn, manager of note, who also managed his fighting brothers, and everybody had a swell time.

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Master of ceremonies was none other than Jerome (Jerry) Hoffman, Deputy Assessor City of Syracuse, who is quite a golfter in his own right. Jerry is a popular man in Syracuse and is quite a man. We were also happy to see us joined in Syracuse by our New York buddy, Joe Gallagher, formerly with NBC, now assistant director of Men's Athletics at Syracuse University, who had a dozen of his cronies from the college present at a special luncheon at the Faculty Club. We also had a note from our pal, Ken Smith, associated with the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., who was unable to make the affair. To meet all these people, pals of our Nat Loubet and the rest of the Ring Magazine staff, was something to talk about. We stopped at the Hotel Syracuse and enjoyed the hospitality of Norman Rothchild and our other pals who are now enjoying life in Syracuse. It was a great treat for us and stirred up many notable events that happened in the good old days. And, again, thanks to Norman Rothschild and the swell gang in Syracuse.

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Odds and ends: Sammy and Tilly Markowitz thrilled with congratulations from President Jimmy and Roslyn Carter on their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Sammy has been affliated with Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21 since it started and is now also affiliated with the Community Mayors, who do a wonderful job for the community and handicapped.

Bert Sugar sent us a copy of his latest book, *The Thrill of Victory*, the story of ABC sports, published by Hawthorn Books, Inc., New York. It includes the history of the staff, which includes Howard Cosell and the rest of the clan.

Our friend Jim Kahn, long time newspaper man and associate of ours when Jack Dempsey promoted the Max Baer-Max Schmeling heavyweight fight in the Yankee

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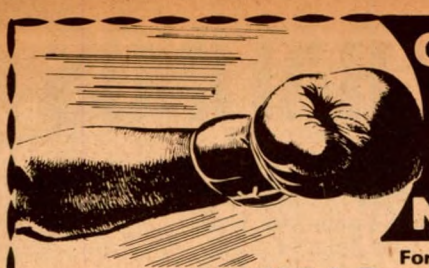

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2—Larry Holmes, Easton, Pa.
3—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
5—Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
6—Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
7—Randy Stephens, Dallas, Texas
8—Stan Ward, Sacramento, Calif.
9—Scott DeDoux, Minneapolis, Minn.
10—Leroy Jones, Denver, Colo.
11—Dino Dennis, Attleboro, Mass.
12—Boone Kirkman, Seattle, Wash.
13—Jerry Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Nick Wells, Fort Worth, Texas
15—Ozzie Ocasio, Puerto Rico

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

* ALVARO LOPEZ, Stockton, Calif.
1—Mike Rossman, Turnersville, N.J.
2—Matt Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
4—Eddie Gregory, Brooklyn, N.Y.
5—Vonzell Johnson, Columbus, Ohio
6—Richie Kates, Brighton, N.J.
7—Jerry Celestine, New Orleans, La.
8—Mike Spinks, St. Louis, Mo.
9—Jessie Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Pete McIntyre, San Diego, Calif.
11—Danny Brewer, Chicago, Ill.
12—Marvin Camel, Missoula, Mont.
13—Marvin Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.
14—Pat Cuillo, Buffalo, N.Y.
15—Eddie Davis, Brooklyn, N.Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

* MARVIN HAGLER, Brockton, Mass.
1—Ronnie Harris, Akron, Ohio
2—Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore.
3—David Love, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Edgar Wallace, Phoenix, Ariz.
6—Tom Chiaverini, Kansas City, Mo.
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8—Ray Seales, Tacoma, Wash.
9—Erwin Williams, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
11—Casey Gacic, Cleveland, Ohio
12—Willie Warren, Dallas, Texas
14—Leroy Green Jr., Kansas City, Mo.
15—Johnny Heard, Chicago, Ill.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

* BILLY BACKUS, Syracuse, N.Y.
1—Edgar Ross, Orlando, Fla.
2—Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
3—Ray Phillips, Dallas, Texas
4—Mike Baker, Washington, D.C.
5—Kevin Morgan, Las Vegas, Nev.
6—Ralph Palladin, Baltimore, Md.
7—Carlos DeLeon, Puerto Rico
8—Jackie Smith, Boston, Mass.
9—Gary Guiden, Indianapolis, Ind.
10—Johnny Sullivan, Portland, Ore.
11—Ken Bristol, New York, N.Y.
12—Larry Bonds, Denver, Colo.
13—Joey Vincent, Orlando, Fla.
14—Rocky Mosley Jr., Las Vegas, Nev.
15—Wilson Bell, Detroit, Mich.

WELTERWEIGHTS

* PETE RANZANY, Sacramento, Calif.
1—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
4—Floyd Mayweather, Detroit, Mich.
5—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
6—Scot Clark, Orlando, Fla.
7—Ray Leonard, Baltimore, Md.
8—Mel Dennis, Houston, Texas
9—Angel Espadas, Puerto Rico
10—Andy Price, Los Angeles, Calif.
11—Ray Hammond, New York, N.Y.
12—Arcadio Suarez, New York, N.Y.
13—Miguel Hernandez, Brooklyn, N.Y.
14—Ken Crooms, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Luis Resto, New York, N.Y.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

* BRUCE CURRY, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Jimmy Heair, Memphis, Tenn.
3—Tony Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.
4—Jimmy Corkum, Boston, Mass.
5—Saoul Mamby, New York, N.Y.
6—Larry Stanton, Merrick, L.I., N.Y.
7—Rudy Hernandez, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Rock Folstad, Minneapolis, Minn.
9—John Turner, New York, N.Y.
10—Adolph Viruet, New York, N.Y.
11—Johnny Lira, Las Vegas, Nev.
12—Anthony Daniels, Fairmont, W.Va.
13—Luis Davila, Hartford, Conn.
14—Vic Abraham, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Robert Vasquez, Corpus Christi, Texas

LIGHTWEIGHTS

* ANDREW GANIGAN, Honolulu, Hawaii
1—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
2—Termite Watkins, Houston, Texas
3—Edwin Viruet, Puerto Rico
4—Howard Davis, Glen Clove, L.I., N.Y.
5—Jusue Marcuez, Puerto Rico
6—Aaron Pryor, Cincinnati, Ohio
7—Willie Rodriquez, Allentown, Pa.
8—Leroy Haley, Las Vegas, Nev.
9—Enrique Solis, Puerto Rico
10—Ruby Ortiz, New York, N.Y.
11—Johnny Sullivan, Kearny, N.J.
12—Reynaldo Zaragora, Stockton, Calif.
13—Billy Parks, Enver, Colo.
14—Rufus Miller, Paterson, N.J.
15—Steve Dement, Bossier City, La.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

* ALFREDO ESCALERA, Puerto Rico
1—Frankie Baltazar, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Walter Seeley, Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
3—Arturo Leon, Phoenix, Ariz.
4—Warren Matthews, New Orleans, La.
5—Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Greg Coverson, Seattle, Wash.
7—Roy Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas
8—Luke Ervin, Jersey City, N.J.
9—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.
10—Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
11—Manuel Lujan, Los Angeles, Calif.
12—Beto Nunez, Phoenix, Ariz.
13—Alex Alatore, San Carlos, Calif.
14—Raymond Roman, Puerto Rico
15—Rene Silva, Los Angeles, Calif.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

* DANNY LOPEZ, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Richard Rozelle, Columbia, Ohio
2—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
3—Ruben Castillo, Bakersfield, Calif.
4—Mike Avala, San Antonio, Texas
5—Jimmy Farrell, Rockland, Mass.
6—Alberto Collano, Cleveland, Ohio
7—Jimmy Martinez, Clovis, N.M.
8—Ronnie McGarvey, Baltimore, Md.
9—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—William Berry, Trenton, N.J.
11—Augie Pantellas, Philadelphia, Pa.
12—Herman Montes, Los Angeles, Calif.
13—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
14—Gaby Canterra, San Antonio, Texas
15—Billy Alexander, New York, N.Y.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

* WILFREDO GOMEZ, Puerto Rico
1—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
3—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Artemio Jeronimo, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Ignacio Osorio, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
7—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Oscar Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Andres Torres, Puerto Rico
11—Jose Rosa, Puerto Rico
12—Sergio Reyes, Los Angeles, Calif.
13—Paterson Marin, Puerto Rico
14—Armando Franco, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Santiaco Hernandez, San Diego, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS

* ALBERTO SANDOVAL, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Jose Ortiz, Puerto Rico
2—Joey Olivo, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Freddy Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—D.C. Cunningham, Cincinnati, Ohio
6—David Ramahlo, Lowell, Mass.
7—Paz Mena, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Mario Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Orlando Maldonado, Puerto Rico
10—Alfonso Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.

WALLACE OVER COOPER IN LAS VEGAS

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Edgar "Bad News" Wallace barely lived up to his nickname in his recent bout against George Cooper, the California State Middleweight Champion. The two battled in a dull main event on the Sahara Hotel's 'Fight Night' promotion.

Wallace, the eighth-ranked middleweight from Phoenix, Arizona, eked out a unanimous decision over the thirty-three-year old Cooper—but his performance was slow, sluggish, and mainly defensive.

"Bad News" landed a few body shots, and managed to stay away from Cooper's careful pursuit. Cooper, who suffers from a cataract in his left eye, was cautious to a fault, and engaged in more clinching than punching throughout the bout.

The dull fight dimmed Wallace's popularity as the Arizona and Nevada Middleweight Champion. Perhaps his performance was dulled, also, by the negative attitude of his manager, Phoenix millionaire Steve Eisner. Hopefully, Bad News will have improved his ring skills before he meets top-ranked Mike Colbert in the same Sahara ring.

In the tenth-round semi-main, Roxelle Moseley, Jr., the man from whom Wallace wrested the Nevada Middleweight Title, managed a majority decision against Lenny Harden, 154, of Phoenix. This was the first loss for Harden, who boasted an unbeaten fifteen win, fifteen knockout record.

Moseley employed his usual dance-away tactics, and managed a few left and right jabs at his hard-punching opponent. Harden came on strong in the early rounds, and exploded several rights to Moseley's jaw.

The Arizona battler tired in the middle rounds, and was staggered twice in the sixth by Rocky's powerful rights to his jaw. But Harden survived the round, and came to life again in the ninth and tenth. The final rounds saw the bulk of the action, as Harden slugged away at Moseley, and the Nevadan countered with some combinations of his own.

In the most exciting fight of the night, Jorge "Kid Dynamite" Morales, 138, of Los Angeles, fought to a draw against Joey "Pepi" Domingos, the seventeen-year-old slugger from Whittier, California.

Domingos blocked many of Morales' wild blows, and jarred him several times with left hooks. However, Morales was the aggressor for most of the wild eight rounds. The "draw" decision was met with loud boos from the crowd, which obviously favored Morales.

▲The knockouts came thick and fast at the Silver Slipper's "Strip Fight of the Week." Only the main event went the distance on the Wednesday night card.

In the ten-round main, German Cuello, 139, of Los Angeles, managed a unanimous decision over Migel "Flash" Estrada, 139¼, of El Paso.

Cuello suffered a brief knockdown and a bloody nose in the first round. However, he recovered from both to take command of the fight, using fierce right cross and left hook combinations.

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REAL CHAMPION

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What of Spinks? He has one quality that one would expect of a man who has risen from the streets of hard knocks and the Marine Corps. . .the heart of a lion. . .courage and the will to win. He also has a solid punch with either hand, a necessary piece of equipment for a heavyweight who wants to be standing around for a while. But what of his deficits? He appears small for a heavyweight—as men like Ali and Foreman go—but he does have that punch (he almost took Ali out in the fifteenth round of their title fight) and he does possess an ability to take a good punch because Ali landed a few beauts on Spinks' jaw and he kept coming. But he also does not possess experience and there is no substitute for that hard come by comodity. It has to be paid for with time and sweat. Spinks has not been around long enough to know his trade with the proficiency so necessary for the champion of the world.

He does have good men around him but he still is green and needs to learn awful fast if he intends to win in his return with Ali.

Ali is sure to come out smoking and not make the mistake of playing around for four or more rounds as he did in their first meeting. If overpowered by Ali at the start of bell one, can Spinks maintain his composure, stay away from Ali's killer blows, and come back with sufficient strength to dish out his own mayhem?

It was once said that "the best defense is an offense," and this is true and certainly applicable to Spinks, but there is another adage, "Stay alive to fight another day"; and to do this, a fighter has to have a defense when fighting an opponent who is as formidable as Ali, or Holmes, or Norton.

That the winner of the Ali and Spinks fight will eventually fight the winner of the Holmes and Norton set-to is a sure bet. The kind of money that television will ante up for such a fracas will make it mandatory. It will at least settle the heavyweight crown for a while.

Incidently, those who hold forth the view that because of irregularities in promises, written contracts et al., that the WBC was right in stripping Spinks of his crown, let it be said that there are courts for such matters, and that is where the matter belongs, but no one has the authority nor the right to take away the fighter's crown. If the WBC feels it necessary, why not go after any promoter or manager who is responsible for the messes in boxing? The fighter does what he is told and despite showy conversation, fighters do not make the decisions. Those around them do, and if there is something wrong legally then they are to blame and not the man taking his chances inside the ring for the few years that are fruitful.

With this dispute out of the way, what else is there in store for heavyweight fans? Is the division going into the doldrums after Ali departs in the near future, and indeed he must?

The answer is that there is still plenty of life left in the ole girl. Standing in the wings, off stage for the minute, is Jimmy Young, still likely to be heard from despite the fact that his lack of power is more than likely to keep him out of the throne room.

South Africa, which has rarely had any serious contenders among the heavyweights, now has two fighers, both with world-standing ability. First there is Kallie Knoetze, who recently knocked out Duane Bobick in three sessions to gain world recognition. His record of 14 wins out of 16 fights shows two defeats; to Raul Gorosito of Argentina and that to his fellow South African, Gerrie Coetzee whose record of 18 straight wins including his win over Knoetze shows that he is another heavyweight to be reckoned with.

Knoetze was to have gotten his test with the return to the ring of Joe Frazier and the results of that contest would surely give us an idea as to how much we might expect from Kallie. As we all know the bout is off for the time being as a result of Frazier's being hospitalized.

Ron Lyle must still be considered as likely to be seen and provide other heavyweight aspirants with trouble. An in and outer, he can be depended upon to come up with a win at just the time he is considered completely out of the picture.

Earnie Shavers is not finished but his dismal showing against Larry Holes showed up the weakness in his armament. His going the distance with Ali proved how close to the end of the trail Ali really is since Shavers has been known in the trade as a guy who must get his man early. . .a guy who is not a stayer and is in top form for three or four rounds. So, if Shavers is to fight his way back into serious contention, he must develop the mental and physical stamina to go the distance with youth.

Alfredo Evangelista of Spain, who went the fifteen rounds with Ali and is currently the European heavyweight champion, may turn out to be a surprise in the heavyweight ranks. He can hit and takes a good punch.

And don't forget George Foreman, the man who knocked out Ken Norton. He is reputed to be returning. Should he do so and should he train for 15 instead of 5 rounds, he will be a welcome addition to heavyweight action.

Perhaps the most important single item to come out of Ali's losing his crown is the sure bet that another heavyweight will come along to captivate boxing fans. He may not have the same style as did Ali and it may be Leon Spinks, who will not do it with his tongue as well as his fists, but after all many heavyweight champions of the past did their thing in the ring and were not super salesmen on the outside.

An Ali comes along once in a lifetime but boxing will survive without Ali—boxing has a way of surviving over all obstacles.

In a few years when Ali is enshrined in the Ring Boxing Hall of Fame, and another sits on his throne, the new occupant of the title will gather his own type of charisma.

WILL TV $$$

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light heavy crown.

Getting back to the lightweight champ, Roberto Duran, there's a good match with WBC junior lightweight Alexis Aguello. First, Aguello must get by Diego Alcala. The match is taking place as we go to press.

If one were promotor Don King one would hope that Alcala, from Panama wins. A Duran-Alcala match would do big business in Panama.

This fall could be the best that boxing has offered in many a year. With ABC, NBC and CBS putting up the big dollars the battle of champions may be upon us.

GOMEZ TKO'S LOPEZ

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he was taunted by the pro-Marquez crowd, or because he could see that Marquez' timing was off, Viruet turned a lot more aggressive.

Marquez on the other hand continued to miss badly and when he did land, he did not hurt Viruet. Something was missing from his usual crisp punching style.

Going into the tenth Viruet was ahead by the proverbial mile. Marquez came out in the tenth with a do or die effort. At this point a knockout was the only thing that could turn sure defeat into victory. The spirit was willing but there was no power precision or stamina to back it up. His initial rally had him gasping for breath when he was caught by a straight right that dropped him on the back of his neck, bouncing off the lower strand. He tried but could not beat the ten count.

The victim of a recent facial paralysis, Marquez had been inactive for quite a while.

His return to ring warfare is doubtful. As for Viruet; he may not punch, he may be a clown—but he is also the only man that has gone to the post twice against hard hitting Roberto Duran without being dropped and he lost the first one on a questionable decision.

Heavyweight Ossie "Jaws" Ocasio ran his unbeaten skein to eleven when he scored a ten round decision over Kevin Isaacs of Brooklyn. Ocasio started slow and was bothered by his opponent's body blows in the early heats, but he managed to finish strong in the closing rounds to take a unanimous verdict.

Fine middleweight prospect Carlos "Sugar" Leon scored a kayo in 2:28 of the third over Tyrone Freeman of Philadelphia.

Junior middleweight Carlos Santos scored a four round kayo over Jose Collantes.

In ten local junior welter Felix Pintor surprised by scoring a ten round decision over Dominican Mao de la Rosa.

RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

The biggest sum ever to be paid for a non-heavyweight title fight—$815,000 went to MATE PARLOV. He's the Communist who defends his W.B.C. lightheavyweight bauble against former champ JOHN CONTEH in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. This will mark the first time a world championship contest will be held in a Soviet satellite country. Top Rank, Inc., is the promoter. . . It's back to the drawing board for MIKE ROSSMAN and his dad, JIMMY DePIANO, after his demolition job at the hands of INDIAN YAQUI LOPEZ, the Stockton, California veteran of the ring wars. LOPEZ has been in with tougher competition—it showed in the ROSSMAN fight—he's a real journeyman professional. HENRY CLARK, former heavyweight contender who boxed under the JOE HERMAN aegis out of San Francisco, is now a highly successful businessman in Sacramento. . .CLARK, IS IN THE T-shirt business—he owns his own home and now tips the Fairbanks at a whopping 250 lbs., well over his fighting weight . . . Former heavyweight contender of the JOE LOUIS era, LOU NOVA, at the Saints & Sinners Dinner in Las Vegas with PAT COOPER, who is headlining the MGM Grand Hotel along with the Carpenters. . .NOVA resides in Vegas . . . Veteran boxing manager MEL EPSTEIN of Los Angeles recovering after a bout with "kid pneumonia" . . . EPSTEIN was hospitalized at the Saint Vincent Hospital in L.A.—released but had a relapse, now hopefully on the road to a complete recovery . . . MIKE QUARRY blew it by losing to so-so PETE McINTYRE in San Diego . . . QUARRY is through as a serious threat to title contention and should "pack it in" . . . GREG MARDERIAN, who failed in his bid for a berth with the Oakland Raiders pro football team, has cracked the fight beat—GREG is a hefty 260—but will box around 225 . . . He is being trained by Ray NOTARO, who owns a gym in L.A. . . . NOTARO is the gentleman who taught SYLVESTER STALLONE the fundamentals for the film *Rocky* . . . RUBY GOLDSTEIN, former N.Y. boxer and referee for years, now living in Miami Beach, could be the next boxing commissioner in that balliwick—he'd be a good one for sure . . . TONY PETRONELLI boxed a 9 (nine) rounder with PAT MAHONEY at the Condesa in Somerset, Mass. . . reason for the 9 round

Left to right: "Sailor" Don Sauer, middleweight contender Tony Licata of New Orleans, and former middleweight biffer Mike Pusateri of Dedham, Mass.

bout—MAHONEY had never gone over eight—that was the agreement!! RIP VALENTI the promoter—a dinner-club set-up which went over big in this southeastern Massachusetts town . . . What is wrong with PETE RANZANY, the Sacramento welter who looked so impressive when he was "moving up in the ranks"?? Why doesn't PETE talk to manager JOEY LOPES—is there extreme jealousy between LOPES and trainer HERMAN CARTER? Has this been detrimental to RANZANY'S career and ring education? These are some of the questions boxing authorities are asking in California!!! PIPINO CUEVAS—HAROLD WESTON drew 9,162 fans, with more than 3,000 turned away at the Olympic in Los Angeles—for a hefty gross of $160,095—Who said boxing is dying?? You give the fans the right matches and the action—they'll turn out!! BLINKY PALERMO has withdrawn his application for a manager's license with the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission—I didn't think he was just a 73-year-old gent looking for a little hobby to brighten his geriatric years. So the pressure is off there—for the time being at least . . . PALERMO said "I've done my time, the past should be past. Judge me according to what I do from now on" . . . Congratulations to JACKIE GRIFFIN, former Texas lightweight who crossed gloves with LEW JENKINS in his heyday—on passing his 65th milestone. We wish you many more, JACKIE . . . Heavyweight MARVIS FRAZIER, son of former heavyweight champ JOE, won the Pennsylvania Golden Gloves boxing championship and the outstanding boxer award—like father, like son . . . MARVIS works out at Smoking Joe's Gym in Philly. His father is not his trainer . . . Former heavyweight contender TONY SHUCCO looked sharp at the Boston Garden the other night—TONY boxed all the iron in the division back in the thirties. Truly a great one in his day. He never misses the boxing action in Boston. Nice to hear from MARTY WEILL, step-son of the late fight manager, AL "THE VEST" WEILL, who had four world champions, LOU AMBERS, JOEY ARCHIBALD, MARTY SERVO and ROCKY MARCIANO . . . WEILL is the manager of Edelson's Men's Shop in Ironton, Ohio . . . When AL WEILL was matchmaker for the International Boxing Club (the boxing arm of Madison Square Garden at the time) MARTY was manager of record and very much in the ROCKY MARCIANO picture . . . MARY WEILL is the last living link of the "inner circle" around ROCKY MARCIANO—AL WEILL (mgr.), CHARLEY GOLDMAN (trainer), ALLIE COLUMBO (assistant trainer), and MARCIANO, are all deceased . . .

See you next month—keep punching!!!

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

CURRY KO'S BROOKS IN GRUDGE MATCH

LOS ANGELES — The scheduled twelve-rounder was billed as a "grudge match", but as one ringsider put it during the fifth round, "They should be in a bar, not in a ring."

It was that kind of a battle — a sensational back-alley brawl that had an Olympic Auditorium crowd of 2,280 on its feet and screaming almost from the start.

Bruce Curry, a 22-year-old Garden Grove knockout specialist, won the North American super lightweight championship from former roommate and sparmate Monroe Brooks with a picture-book finish.

Curry fiered a left hook that sent Brooks flying. Brooks landed flat on his back, beat the count of referee John Thomas, but was in no condition to continue.

Curry was declared the winner and new champion at 2:26 of the ninth round.

Curry, the second-ranked contender who is expected to get a title shot this summer as a result of his victory, floored Brooks, the No. 3 man, in the second round with another left hook.

But from that moment until the conclusion, it was a tossup as to who would land the payoff punch. Each was staggered repeatedly as leather flew from every direction.

It wasn't too artistic a fight, but the fans loved it.

In the fourth round, one of the wildest, it seemed as if both would hit the canvas. But as it developed, referee Thomas was the only one who went down; he slipped on a piece of ice.

Thomas was the only official who had Brooks in front at the end, 77-75. Judge Chuck Hassett favored Curry, 79-73, and judge George Latka wound up even after eight rounds, 76-76.

Curry (16-2) weighed 139½, Brooks (37-4-2), 138½.

Earlier, seventh-ranked Marvin Hagler of Brockton, Mass., stopped Doug Demmings of Minneapolis at 2:22 of the eighth round.

Hagler, a muscular, 25-year-old southpaw with a clean-shaven head and perpetual motion attack, decked Demmings midway in the eighth round with a left-right to the head.

Demmings, who had absorbed a bad beating from the fourth round on, was on his feet on the count of three but in serious trouble.

Hagler, 158¼, swarmed over his opponent, 159¾, and nearly dropped him again. Referee Larry Rozadilla stopped the fight at this point.

Other results: Herman Montes, 133, Los Angeles, KO over Sergio Nualarte, 132, Los Angeles, 1, Oscar Muniz, 119, Los Angeles, KO over Catalina Flores, 118, Manila, P.I. 3.

▲LOS ANGELES — Manuel Abedoy, the number five rated WBC super featherweight, took the measure of last minute sub Jose Olivares, 132, Long Beach, in the scheduled ten-round feature at the Olympic Auditorium.

Abedoy, 131, was comfortably in front when the fight was stopped in the sixth round because of a cut over the left eye of Olivares.

It was the thirty-first win for Abedoy against four losses. He is from Tijuana, but boxed most of last year in the Ivory Coast in Africa. For Olivares, it was the third straight time he filled in on less than a day's notice and ended up with the same result.

In a second ten-rounder, Hector Rivera, 136, Domican Republic, halted Ray Saldivar, 135, East Los Angeles, in the second round.

Other results: Gary McGuire, 146, Los Angeles, KO over Gonzalo Alvarado, 142½, Mexico; Agavito Ramirez, 145, Los Angeles, dec. over Pablo Baez, 149½, Monebello, 6.

▲FRESNO — The official ruling was that Andre Beard, 162, Los Angeles, suffered a cut over his right eye from an accidental butt and his ten-rounder with Russell Pope, 156, Fresno, was called a technical draw in the fifth round.

The crowd was just less than 1,000 and the gate, $2695.

Other results: Steve Delgado, 147¾, San Diego, dec. over Joe Maldonado, 147½, Freno, 6; Fili Ramirez, 132, Fresno, dec. over Alex Rodriguez, 132, Mexico, 6; Pascual Ramirez, 159, Fresno, KO over Coleman Blackmun, 156, Oakland, 5.

▲ANAHEIM — Ismael Ruiz, Mexico's no. 1 heavyweight, had to hustle to edge veteran Dan Johnson, 205, Los Angeles, in the top ten-rounder on an all star card at the Convention Center.

Ruiz, who weighed a flabby 200, upped his record to 18-3.

Joey Olivo, 108, Los Angeles, breezed to his sixteenth straight win with a decision over Victor Diaz, 109, Tijuana, in their ten-rounder.

Other results: Ricky Weigel, 154, Los Angeles, KO over Richard Abbott, 159, Los Angeles, 3; Jose Resendes, 125, San Diego, KO over Antonio Sanchez, 120, Mexico, 3; Raul Pacheco, 113, Los Angeles, dec. over Rafael Rubio, 112, Tijuana, 10.

The attendance was 956 and the gate $4,878.50.

▲SAN DIEGO — Alberto Cota, 146½, Mexicali, finished off Laurizo Roldan, 146, Long Beach, at 41 seconds of the second round.

Other results: Jose Resendes, 125, San Diego, dec. over Sergio Nualart, 128, Tijuana, 8; Len Vanisi, 176, Los Angeles, dec. over Forma Leota, 180, San Diego, 8; Steve Bentlye, 157, Long Beach, dec. over Troy Vaughn, 163, Los Angeles, 5.

▲STOCKTON — Former world bantamweight champ Romeo Anaya, 126¾, Mexico City, had little to offer against Fel Clemente, 125½, Manila, P.I., in their ten-rounder at Civic Auditorium.

Clemente was just too fast for the thirty-year-old Anaya, who lost his title to Arnold Taylor in 1972 in South Africa.

In a co-feature ten-rounder, Junior Albers, 171, Eureka, got the nod over King David Smith, 175, Los Angeles. In a six rounder, Abraham Perez, 144, Los Angeles, stopped Tony Sanchez, 137½, Stockton, in five rounds.

The gate was $10,372.

▲SAN DIEGO — Irish Robby Epps, 159, Albuquerque, N.M., wasted little time against Lalo Barriento, 162, Mexico. Epps was all over Lalo from the first bell on and ended up a knockout winner early in the second round.

The gate was $2,857, paid by 1,200 folks at the Coliseum.

Other results: Ricky Weigel, 155, Los Angeles, KO over Hector Fernandez, 157, Mexico, 2; Mike Rundell, 147, Los Angeles, KO over Victor Martinez, San Diego, 3; Eric Bonilla, 137, San Diego, dec. over Jose Castro, 137, National City, 5.

▲BAKERSFIELD — Mexico's Gonzalo Montellano, 134, started slow, but finished in a sprint to decision Claude Durden, 133, Los Angeles, in their ten-rounder at Strongbow Stadium.

The small gathering of 728 contributed a gate of $2,470.

Other results: Jose Luis Lara, 127½, Mexico, dec. over Salvador Gonzalez, 129½, Los Angeles, 6; Agapito Ramirez, 147, Los Angeles, dec. over Mario Neri, 148½, Los Angeles, 5; Fili Ramirez, 135½, Fresno, KO over Mike Maturino, 137, Los Angeles, 2.

▲STOCKTON — The Torres brothers from Mexico City split even in ten-rounders at Civic Auditorium.

The younger Torres, Jose, 127¼, finished on the short end of the scoring against Fel Clemente, 127½, of the Philippines.

Salvador Torres, 129, who once challenged for the world featherweight title, banged out a sixth-round knockout over Juan Villa, 128, Stockton.

The gate of $19,366 was the best in recent years in Stockton. The show was under the promotion of the Bautista Boxing Club.

In the lone prelim, Reynaldo Zaragonza, 132½, Stockton, decisioned Mariano Alanzo, 130, Mexico, in eight rounds.

▲LOS ANGELES — Alberto (Superfly) Sandoval, the near perfect bantamweight from Pomona, made amends for his lone pro setback.

The 22-year-old former national amateur champion stopped Mexico City's Eliseo Cosme in the fifth round of their scheduled ten-rounder.

In a prior meeting, Cosme won a technical decision when he was cut from an accidental head butt and was ahead on points at the time.

There was little doubt on the outcome this time. Sandoval dropped Cosme twice in the fourth, then rushed out in the fifth and floored him for the full count.

Sandoval, from near-by Pomona, weighed 118; Cosme, 117, Alberto's record is now 25-1, with the lone loss reversed. The gate was $23,008, paid by 4,958.

Victor Abraham, 143, Los Angeles, took a unanimous ten-round decision over Pablo Baez, 143, Mexico, in a fight that lacked real action.

Other results: Paul Morales, 131½, Los Angeles, KO over Jose Rodriguez, 131, Mexico, 4; Enrique Silva, 151, East Los Angeles, KO over Mario Nieri, 152, Los Angeles, 5; Pajarito Garcia, 116, Mexico, KO over Jose Vierya, 117, Los Angeles, 4.

▲LOS ANGELES — It was the maiden effort for ex-boxer Sammy Sanders as a professional promoter.

Sanders staged an entertaining card at the L.A. Sports Arena that saw top rated Monroe Brooks, 139, Los Angeles, knock out Jose Gonzales, 138½, Mexico City, midway in the second round.

Andy (The Hawk) Price, 147, Los Angeles, was an impressive KO winner in the third round over Julio Gomez, 147½, Chile. Price had lost to the South American a year ago.

Kevin Morgan, 148, Los Angeles and son of one-time lightweight contender L.C. Morgan, halted Rudy Barro, 146, Manila, P.I., in the ninth round.

In still another ten-rounder, Fili Moala, 235, Samoa, blasted out a third round KO over Charlie James, 193, Los Angeles. Three solid right-hand punches did the trick for Moale.

In an eight-rounder, Zeffie Gonzales, 149, Montebello, decisioned Greg Stephens, 149, Los Angeles.

The crowd of 3,420 enjoyed the card and the gate was $15,870, which meant a slight loss for Sanders.

ROSS WINS CLOSE DECISION OVER PALLADIN

By GEORGE CURCIO

ORLANDO, FLORIDA — Orlando's Edgar "Mad Dog" Ross added the North American Boxing Federation title to his Southern junior middleweight laurels by hammering out a twelve-round unanimous decision over defending champion Ralph Palladin before a crowd of 3,384 at the Orlando Sports Stadium.

Ross deominated the middle rounds of the gruelling affair to come away with decisions of 116-113, 115-114 and 115-113 and, although Palladin was impressed with Ross' fighting, he was not impressed with the judging of the three local officials.

The 35-year-old Baltimore veteran, whose record dropped to 30-7-2, was rocked a number of times during the middle rounds by his less experienced and younger challenger, but felt he garnered enough points during the opening and late rounds to earn a successful defense. Palladin, who weighed in evenly with Ross at the title limit of 154 pounds, said he would not be willing to meet Ross in Orlando again, feeling he got a raw deal in the scoring. Earlier, Palladin had said he felt the Orlando judges would hand down a fair verdict.

Ross did not follow his normal style of concentrating on the body, preferring to stay on top of Palladin and concentrate on scoring to the face, which he did a number fo times. Palladin, though having more finesse than Ross, had trouble avoiding his swarming tactics. Despite getting caught solidly several times, though, Palladin showed no signs of hitting the canvas.

Afterwards, Palladin told Ross through the public address system, "Your're now in the major leagues." Entering the fight, Palladin had stated Ross "is in high school right now. Against me, he'll be going to college."

Palladin's comments stemmed from Ross' record of 49-1-2, with 38 KOs, that was built up against mainly club fighters.

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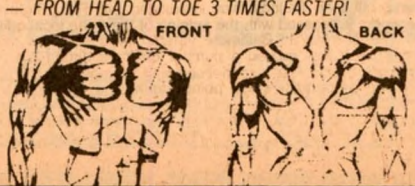

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PUNCH LINES

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wants to recognize a particular fighter as champion. I thought the W.B.C. had enough sense to leave the heavyweights alone, but I guess they don't.

The W.B.C. is always trying to dictate opponents for champions. This cannot and will not work. It would be different if Norton were not given title shots in the past, but he fought against George Foreman and Muhammed Ali. . . . and lost. It really is a shame. Boxing is trying to made a comeback, but it seems the W.B.C. is doing everything it can to hurt the sport.

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MIMS EXTENDS UNBEATEN STREAK

By THOMAS JACOBS

Cleveland, Ohio — The largest crowd of the year — over 1,400 people — took advantage of promoter Ed Sweeney's special offer (a $1.00 General Admission seat) to see undefeated heavyweight Terry Mims win his eighth straight contest. Unfortunately, the large turnout was also subjected to a pretty boring evening.

Mims was fighting his first ten rounder; his opponent, Rufus Brassell, of Lima, Ohio, was returning to the ring after an absence of nearly four years. To say the boxers were cautious, to say the action was slow-paced would be the grossest understatement. The first round was an exploratory one with both fighters probing for weaknesses. Apparently, Brassell found them first. In the early moments of round two, Brassell shot a looping left that stunned Mims. The East Clevelander grabbed and held on. Brassell, at 204¼ lbs., had a 19½ lb. weight advantage; this was the time he should have put that advantage to use. He didn't. With less than a minute left in the same round, Terry Mims, completely recovered, unleased a series of short rights that toppled Brassell. An overly cautious Mims failed to capitalize on the knockdown, and both men went to their corners more than a little gun-shy.

What the tempo was to be for the remainder of the fight became clear in round three. Mims coasted for the first two minutes, using the rope-a-dope at times; and then he would flurry in the final minute. It was a clear 10 round decision for Mims, but he did not demonstrate any of the skills he had shown in his earlier fights.

Even the preliminaries left something to be desired. Eddie Graves, 136¾, Youngstown, Ohio, battered Jerry Strickland, 139½, Cincinnati, Ohio, at will. The fight was absolutely no contest and was finally halted at 2:20 of the third round.

Denny Plegge, 146¼, Salem, Ohio, kayoed Paul Stewart, 145, Cincinnati, Ohio. Plegge, although hardly polished, does come to fight. Even in round one, Plegge stormed out swinging. Most of his punches in that round, however, were short. Not so in the second round. Plegge caught Stewart against the ropes, and a right uppercut put him down for an eight count. A wobbly Stewart tried to backpedal out of danger, but there was no escaping the Salem slugger. Three right hands in a row sent Stewart down for the count at 2:29 of round two.

In another scheduled six-rounder, Jeff Morgan, 161½, Cleveland, scored a TKO over James Caffey, 158¾, Youngstown. The rangy Morgan opened a cut over the left eye of Caffey in the second round. Although Caffey demonstrated quite clearly that he can take punishment, the referee wisely called a halt to the proceedings at the end of round four.

The best fight of the night saw Lloyd Allen, 127¼, Cleveland, score a TKO over Ray Green, 136½, Akron, and Lloyd Allen was the reason it was the best fight of the night. This was Allen's third professional fight; it looked like his thirtieth. He is fast, has a very quick pair of hands, and demonstrates ring wisdom far beyond his years. Allen is a crowd favorite.

JOE LOUIS

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Galento into submission with a fourth round knockout on June 28. The following year, on June 20, he whittled down Arthuro Godoy in eight rounds.

Then came the two classics with Billy Conn, the first on June 18, 1941 when Louis stopped Conn in thirteen rounds and the second title fight coming in 1946 in New York when Bomber Joe knocked Conn out in the eighth.

Joe fought two exhibition bouts in June of 1947 for the Army Relief Fund, one with Tiger Jack Fox and one with Harry Wills.

Louis fought Jersey Joe Walcott for the title in 1948. Walcott had lasted the distance with Louis the December before but this was June and Louis was at top form, stopping the Dancing Man from Jersey in eleven rounds.

The next and last June appearance for Louis came on June 15, 1951 in New York. He stopped Savold in six rounds.

In all, Louis proved that June is not only for love songs. It is also for fighters.

RAY ROBINSON

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Ali will retire in the near future. "Ali is too far gone, maybe not physically but mentally. Ali has been around for so many years and made so much money that he won't punish himself in training as he used to.

Sugar's title bouts with Carmen Basilio and Gene Fullmer are regarded as classics and remember that the former wonder champion from Detroit almost won the light heavyweight crown from Joey Maxium.

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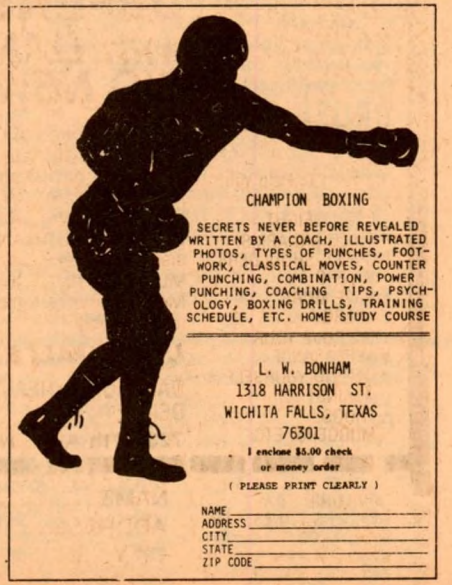

O'GRADY-ANAYA

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Rafael (Bazooka) Limon, also turning for a title shot, had even less of a workout that did O'Grady.

Limon, the North American junior lightweight champion and No. 1 contender riddled Issac Marin with a nonstop barrage until Marin finally crumpled from a shot to the body.

Referee Lou Filippo counted out the Central American champion at 2:48 of the first round. Marin scarcely landed a blow against the sharp-shooting southpaw.

In the opening ten-rounder, Salvado Sanchez, 128, and Juan Escobar, 127, battled to an exciting draw.

Sanchez, on the floor in the fifth round, nearly landed there again in the final minute of the fight after being stopped in his tracks by a wild left to the head. He hung on desperately as Escobar, a Tijuana southpaw, pummeled him but was unable to land the clincher.

Referee Dick Young (94-94) and judge Filippo (95-95) declared the fight a draw, while judge Kenny Davis favored Escobar, 97-93.

Other results: James Weir, 159½, Los Angeles, dec. over Juan Lopez, 153½, (5); Elias Leon, 113, Los Angeles, KO over Santos Nunez, 113, Los Angeles, (2).

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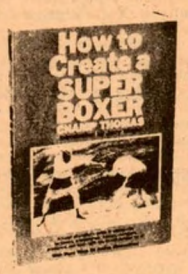

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NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

● *By RAY MITCHELL* ●

Two southpaws, Jeff Malcolm and Billy Moeller, staged one of the most hectic and exciting fights seen in these parts for several months when they met over twelve rounds at Parkes Leagues Club. The bout was billed for the vacant N.S.W. State lightweight title, and it marked the sixth time these two had met. Malcolm, 135, just edged Moeller, 132½, to take the score to three wins each.

As referee (there were no judges) I carded 115 for Malcolm and 114 for Moeller. The decision was booted by about half the crowd or more.

It was a contest of swaying fortunes, with Malcolm setting up a good lead and Moeller being unable to overtake it, though he did draw level at the end of the tenth.

Had there been two six-round contests between the pair, Malcolm would have won the first 59-55, while Moeller would have won the second 59-56 (total over the whole bout? 115-114). It was because of Moeller's superiority over the last half that many believed Billy had won.

Normally, these two boxers are fast-moving with the emphasis on boxing. Both usually move around and backward while scoring. This time they moved just as fast but they *fight*. They stood toe to toe often during their scrap. Moeller often came in on a fast attack and he hit harder than he ever has done.

In the eighth round, a spanking left hook from Moeller caused Malcolm to cross his legs, scatter his senses and fall into Moeller's arms. This was sensational, as Malcolm, in sixty-one prior bouts, had never been stunned. Jeff told me afterwards: "I was closer than I've ever been to being knocked out."

Malcolm, however, recovered very quickly. A second later, he was out of the clinch and moving back, with Moeller in fast pursuit.

With ten rounds gone, the score was 95-95. Malcolm won a terrific eleventh round to gain a point's margin. The twelfth, three minutes of fast slugging, could not have been split with an axe.

In a welter bout billed for eight rounds, Steve Dennis, 144, halted Eric King, 148, in the third. Dennis, a mighty puncher, decked King in the second with a left hook. He decked him again in the third, this time with a body punch. King received a cut eyebrow near the end of the round, and with no chance of victory, there was no point in continuing.

Also over eight, Alan Hedger, 129, drew with Reg King, 126.

Australian middleweight champion Al Korovou tossed a shock into fans by knocking out Monty Betham in the twelfth round of their Commonwealth middleweight title fight at Suva, Fiji. Betham was defending his title for the sixth time.

Brian Roberts, 124, former bantam champ of Australia, had too much class for Guinea Hillier, 124, at Bankstown R.S.L. Club, and ran out a very clear winner in an action bout in which bulldog Hillier was the aggressor thorughout, but he continually ran into trouble from the faster-punching and more accurate Roberts. Distance was ten rounds.

In another ten on the bill, Bob McQueeney, 152, was far too big for Tony Fotia, whose weight was listed as 150, and ran out a clear winner on points. McQueeney stood several inches taller than Fotia, with a corresponding reach advantage. The bout drew a shower of coins from appreciative ringsiders.

Over eight, Willie Leslie, 140, reversed a previous points loss by outpointing Ezzard Charles, 135. Plenty of action.

At North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray, McQueeney and Fotia met again, this time on top of the bill, and there was a different result: Fotia, 145, held McQueeney, 147, to a draw. Another shower of coins resulted.

In the main support over eight, Phil "Spider" Davies, 147, easily outpointed Steve Ayerst, 149. Another shower fight. Davies is a very difficult boy to beat on account of his speed, and it seemed strange that this bout was not on top of the bill.

In a six, Roger Richens, 113, drew with John Hipwell, 116, in another shower fight. These lads always give action.

At South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford, Eddie Buttons, 150, Notched up another win to take his tally to forty-eight in sixty-seven contests (seven draws). Party of the other part was Laurie Mack, 152. Buttons won every round but Mack never shirked an issue.

Two weeks later, at the same venus, Torkano Marcos, 160, outpointed Benny Holt, 162, on the Australian Boxing Federation cut-eye rule. Marcos recieved a bad cut through an accidental head clash and could not come out for round eight. At the time Marcos was leading on all cards so received a points verdict.

Two comebackers headlined at the Melbourne Town Hall. Jimmy Brown, who was the leading contender for the Australian junior lightweight title last year, was hit by a car while he and his fiancee were walking across a road. The girl was killed, Jimmy hospitalized. Brown recovered and won his comeback fight on points on this night, some seven or eight months after the accident. In the opposite corner was Steve Gossen, who had not boxed for twenty months. Brown, 133½, won the first seven rounds, but Gossen, 131¾, came back to win the last three. Not enough. Brown won clearly on points.

In another ten, Glen Walsh, 111½, halted Sharkey Hughes, 113, in the fourth round. Hughes had flown some 1,500 miles from his home Townsville in the northern State of Queensland, arriving in Melbourne on the afternoon of the fight. Without detracting from Walsh, who is a great prospect, Hughes was not in top form.

In an eight, Graham Murray, 163, maintained his unbeaten record by outpointing Junior Alberts, 159¾. Murray has won ten, drawn one. Gavin Hutchison, 139, outpointed Kid Preston, 138, over six in the best fight of the night.

Boxing came to the Windsor-Zillmere Australian Football Club, Zillmere (Brisbane Suburb) for the first time with one ten, and one eight, one three-rounder and five amateur bouts on the bill. In the headliner, Kerry Bell, 143, outpointed Gus Spina, 150, in a hard bout. Referee Des Crabbe scored Bell a two-point winner. In the eight, hard-punching Ken Patterson, 140, knocked out Jack Delaney, 140, with one right hand punch in the fourth round. Patterson, a former amateur champion, has an unusual pro record: five KO wins, one KO loss, in his six paid bouts.

Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale! Over eight rounds, John Hipwell, 111, drew with Alan Ashby, 116, in a good contest!

MINNESOTA NEWS

● *By GEORGE D. BLAIR* ●

St. Paul, Minn. — Rafael Rodriguez of Minneapolis made it two in a row over Rochester's Pat O'Connor as he took a convincing, but hard fought ten round unanimous decision over the Irishman at the Civic Center.

Rafal weighed in at 154 and was strong and he came out smoking. A solid right to the jaw put the 158½ dried out O'Connor on the seat of his pants in the first round.

O'Connor recovered well in the next two rounds but Rafael took command of the fight in the fourth and fifth sessions scoring well to the body and with rights to the jaw which seemed to hit O'Connor with regularity. Rodriguez tired in the sixth and seventh rounds and Pat was able to score with his jabs and punishing shots to the body.

In the eighth round Rodriguez' rights split Pat's lip and opened up a cut over his left eye. The tenth round saw Rafael score heavily to O'Connor's body and head to sew up a convincing win.

The scoring went 98-94, 97-93, and 98-91, all in favor of Rodriguez.

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THE BRITISH ISLES

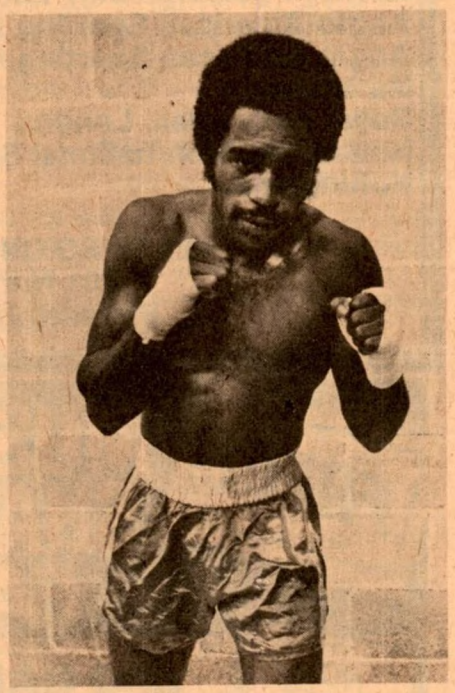
By RON OLVER

HOPE IS HOME TOWN WINNER OVER DENNIS IN LONDON

Maurice Hope, the favorite of the British crowd, and the top jr. middleweight in the world today, was engaged in a battle with an American underdog, from Houston, Melvin Dennis at the Palladium in London. Hope, who apparently had not looked for the American to give him any trouble, was sorely disappointed, as he was staggered three times throughout the fight, and swung desperately to stay "alive" through ten grueling rounds. Dennis however, did not underestimate the awesome powers of the man who some believe is destined to become champion.

Muscles tensed and ready as the opening bell rang, Dennis lungded forward and put on a ten-round exhibition of fantastic conditioning, skill, and speed, which left Hope exhausted and worn. Dennis, who escaped the brawl without a scratch or a bruise, was congratulated by trainer Al Bolden, known as "Potato Pie" in Houston boxing circles, only to learn that the favorite had captured a home town, split decision win over him. Sorely disappointed and feeling his pockets had been picked, Dennis stepped down from the ring amid rumblings from the large crowd, and was led to his dressing room by trainer Bolden.

Manager Hank Grooms of Professional Management Ent. in Kalamazoo, Michigan, was indeed disappointed that his fighter had failed to gain a fair decision in his match, but was encouraged by the fact that Dennis has progressed this far in his fighting ability and conditioning. He feels that Dennis, who has been ignored since his loss to Wilfredo Benitez in the Don King Tournament, may now gain recognition in the U.S. as well as a place in the world ratings. Dennis has certainly proven his worth as a world contender and a challenger to either jr. middleweight Champion.



Melvin Dennis, junior middleweight from Houston, Texas, who was victim of a "home town" decision in favor of Maurice Hope at the London Palladium.

This was the first British title fight in Sheffield since 1921, and a capacity audience of 1,200 was a just reward for co-promoters Ernie Fossey, Mick Cowan, and Tony McKenna.

Walker punched well in the first four rounds, catching the champ with some good whacks to the chin from both hands, and the fans warmed to the local challenger.

Powers' nose bled, his left eye was marked, and there wasn't a lot of sharpness in his work in those early rounds. Walker exuded confidence, and established a lead. However, things altered somewhat in the fifth, when the champion cracked home a right to the chin that stopped Chris in his tracks, then followed up with accurate jabs to head and body.

Both threw right hands, Powers' landed first, and down went Walker to one knee, but was up immediately.

One might have expected Powers to take the fight to his opponent in the following round, but he didn't, and back came the plucky Walker to land a couple of punches to the jaw, and restore his confidence.

The seventh was the last, and was proof of Powers' worthiness to be the champ. He had been trying quite a few right hands to the jaw, some of which had narrowly missed their target. This time he was spot on, a perfectly-delivered blow, and down went Walker like a log.

He rose at nine, very wobbly, and a two-handed attack put him on the canvas again. Somehow he got himself upright at nine, but Powers would not be denied, and a right to the chin deposited the challenger on the deck for the third time.

How Walker got up at nine, whereupon referee did the only thing possible and stopped the fight.

Powers said afterwards that he was never in trouble, didn't see the sense in putting all his eggs in one basket in the first few rounds, and put his lack of snap in those early stages to his long train journey from London.

Walker said he thought he was set for a win until that right hand, which he never saw.

A good scrap, a fine piece of sheer professional by Powers when it was most needed, and a great challenge by Walker.

Mick Mills, Rotherham, 151, outpointed Albert Smith, Barnsley, 162, over eight by 80-73, not losing a round; Central Area heavyweight champion Neil Malpass, South Elmsall, 216, kayoed Sean McKenna, 222, in two; Rocky Beaumont, Hull, 136½, outscored Ray Ross, Ardglass, 135½, over eight by 80-74, another winner who didn't lose a round. A hectic encounter, which brought nobbins from enthusiastic fans; Steve Butler, Wakefield, 137¾, outscored Marty Jacobs, Liverpool, 138, by 58-57 over six, showing more variety in his work; John Kelly, Rotherham, 139, was adjudged to have outpointed Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 140, over eight by 79-77, but the decision was disputed. Kelly was decked in the second. They have now met four times, Kelly winning two, Taylor once, with one drawn.

▲**Centre Airport Hotel, Heathrow, London**—Steve Angell, Hemel Hempstead, 149¾, won an eight-round points victory over Johnny Pincham, 149¾, Crawley, by 78-76; When they met twelve months previously, Angell won a disputed verdict. This time there could be no argument; The bout was marred by too much holding, for which they were warned in the third, but there were some good periods, and Angell's long left leads kept him in front; Robbie Robinson, Liverpool, 132¾, drew with Steve Holdsworth, Watford, 140, over six, with Robinson down in the final round. Holdsworth had been decked in the third, and there was little between them, although Robinson supporters thought he had been "robbed"; Ken Jones, Gorseinon, 172, gained his third successive win by outpointing Trevor Cattouse, Balham, 173, over eight by 79-76. The winner was cut over the left eye in the opening session, but kept up the pressure throughout; Lee Graham, Finchley, 131½, drew with Tony Whitmore, Norwich, 129½, over six. The latter was marked under the right eye; Trevor Cord, Leyton, 133½, beat Ginger Bell, Lewisham, 133, the referee intervening in the fifth with Bell bruised under the left eye and shipping punishment.

▲**Civic Centre, Aylesbury**—Oscar Angus, Aylesbury, 162, gained his second draw within a week, sharing honors with Roy Gumbs, Tottenham, 162. Angus finished strongly, and could well have taken the decision; Mickey Morse, Burnt Oak, 148, outscored Roy Commosioung, Luton, 149½, over eight by 78-76. Morse had a swelling by the right eye, but Roy spoiled his chances by incurring several warnings for infringements, including hitting with the inside of the glove; Kendrick Edwards, Luton, 154, outpointed Des Miller, Portsmouth, 156, by 39-38 over four; Also over four, Jim Smith, Tottenham, 145½, outpointed Johnny Beauchamp, Portsmouth, 144, scoreline also 39-38.

▲**Marton Country Club, Middlesbrough**—British bantamweight champ Johnny Owen, Merthyr, 119, outpointed Mexican Antonio Medina, 119, over eight by 80-76, not losing a round.

This was one heck of a scrap, with the taller Owen outboxing and outpunching his short, stocky opponent. Medina kept punching away, trying to get in close, but was inclined to hit with the open glove. Nevertheless, he was game enough, and although Owen was in control, he knew he had been in a fight.

George Feeney, Hartlepool, 134¼, made it five in a row by outpointing Chilean Hector Molina, 133, over eight by 79-75. Molina was another who hit with the open glove, and he was also warned for a low punch. Feeney was well in command throughout. Incidentally, both Medina and Molina are based in Spain.

Howard Mills, Newcastle, 166, beat Tony Kelsey, Stockton, 169, who retired in the fourth after being decked twice. Charlie Malarkey, Glasgow, 155, outscored Terry Schofield, Bishop Auckland, 156, by 79-77 over eight. It was a triumph of youth over experience, with former British amateur champion Malarkey proving too fast for the 32-year-old Schofield; Eddie Glencross, Glasgow, 118, stopped Jackie Dinning, Newcastle, 116, the referee intervening in the fourth after Dinning had been decked. Eddie is a cousin of former British featherweight champion Tommy Glencross, and it was his second pro bout.

▲**Top Rank Suite, Sheffield**—After an uncertain start, Colin Powers, Paddington, 139½, kept his British light welterweight title by beating Chris Walker, Sheffield, 139¾. The referee stopped the bout in the seventh after Walker had been decked three times in that round and "was in no position to defend himself."

▲**Anglo-American Sporting Club, London**—Nobbins came into the ring after Billy Knight, Walworth, 172, had outpointed Karl Canwell, Stoke Newington, 176¼, over eight by 78-76. Knight, former contender for the British middleweight title, was just three pounds short of the light-heavy limit, and was fully extended by Canwell. It was the latters first defeat in eight bouts.

Knight was the cleaner and more accurate puncher, but Canwell kept coming forward, and was particularly effective to the body. Inactive for seven months, Knight kept his left hand working, and Canwell was cut over the right eye in the sixth. He refused to let it worry him, and, in the final session, caught Knight with a right to the head that had him covering up on the ropes.

Derek Tew, Birmingham, 137, outscored Gary Collins, Tottenham, 138, over six by 58-57. Tew was cut on the left eye in the fifth, but kept up the pressure; Horace Thompson, Catford, 163½, beat Dave Callen, Putney 161¾, the referee intervening in the third after Callen had been decked. Thompson landed with a good right hand after being in trouble himself; Salvo Nuciforo, Falmouth, 156, outpointed Lloyd Gardner, Acton, by 79-76 over eight. Another good bout to watch, with Gardner in trouble on one or two occasions, but fighting back well to contest every issue.

▲**Wolverhampton Sporting Club**—Oscar Angus, Aylesbury, 162, drew with Young McEwan, Birmingham, 160½, over eight. A good performance by McEwan, who was taking part in only his fifth pro bout. Angus had to put in a strong finish to earn a share of the honors; Tony Kavanagh, Birmingham, 149½, kayoed Des Spence, Leicester, 147, in round two after decking him four times. It was Kavanagh's third successive win; Mick Morris, Wolverhampton, 162, beat Martin McEwan, Birmingham, the bout being stopped in the second after the latter had been down twice. Both were making their debuts; Derek Tew, Birmingham, 133, outscored Trevor Cord, Leyton, 131, over six by 58-56. Cord was making his debut; Dennis Price, Wolverhampton, outscored Roger Guest, Dudley, over four by 40-38 in a welter bout.

▲**Cambridge & District Sporting Club**—Steve Hopkin, Ely, 155¾, seemed a trifle unlucky to gain only a draw with Joe Oke, Ghana, 156, over eight. Hopkin remains unbeaten, having won his first five bouts; Welterweight, Harry Watson, St. Ives, inactive for a year, kayoed Bob Bravado, Ghana, in round one with a right to the body; Carlton Benoit, Hackney heavyweight, beat Paul Kinsella, Liverpool, who was retired at the end of the sixth with an injured right eye and a cut mouth. Benoit was a substitute; Welter Eric Purkiss, Wembley, outpointed Jimmy Brown, Liverpool, over six.

▲**Racecourse Grandstand, Doncaster**—Central Area welter champ Terry Petersen, Leeds, 150, drew with Mike Copp, Swansea, 154, over eight. Both tried hard, but there was a clash of styles, and the referee frequently told them to stop holding and get on with it; Brian Gregory, Doncaster, 154, outscored Joe Hannaford, Liverpool, 156, over eight by 79-75. This confirmed a previous victory, and Gregory outjabbed his man to win comfortably; Tommy Joyce, Doncaster, 151, outpointed Johnny Elliott, Bournemouth, 149, over eight by 79-76. The experienced Joyce counterpunched accurately as Elliott attacked; Eric Wood, Doncaster, 137¼, outscored Marty Jacobs. Liverpool, 140, by 59-56 over six. Wood was good in his victory, but had to take a hard right to the head in the third; Roy Gregory, Normanton, light-heavy, outpointed Ron Green, Stoke, over four by 39-38, but some didn't agree with the verdict; Also over four, Mohammed Akram, Leeds, 161, outpointed Jim Fenwick, Jarrow, 162 by one point, equivalent to one round.

▲**St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow**—Alan Buchanan, Edinburgh, 127¾, beat Jackie McGill, Glasgow, 126¾, the bout being stopped in the third after the latter had been down four times. It was a good contest while it lasted, and McGill put in some useful work, but was outpunched. Although this was an overweight match, it is anticipated that Buchanan will now meet champion Gerry Duffy for the Scottish featherweight title.

Billy Lauder, Edinburgh, 155¼, made it six wins out of seven bouts by easily outpointing Owen Robinson, Birmingham, 155¾, over eight by 80-74; Southpaw Lauder was in complete control, able to pick his punches for neat right jabs, but allowing his opponent to get back into the fight instead of applying the pressure; Unbeaten Dave McCabe, Gartcosh, 133¼, made it eight out of eight by comfortably outscoring Albert Coley, Birmingham, 132½, over six by 58-55. The margin looked wider than the scoreline suggests, with Coley down five times for official counts, and on several other occasions with no count; Debutant Mike Reid, South Queensferry, 154, kayoed Dave Lightbody, Kirkcaldy, in two after decking him in the opening session.

▲**Civic Hall, Wolverhampton**—Tony Sibson, Leicester, 162½, kayoed Errol McKenzie, Cardiff, 159¾, in the second round with a perfect right to the jaw. McKenzie did a lot of holding in the first round, and when he did elect to throw punches, he was caught with a left hook that shook him just before the end of the opening session. In the second McKenzie was caught with a left hook, held on grimly, but was again tagged with a right to the chin. He went down, but unwisely got up immediately, whereupon he was forced to the ropes, and a right hand put him down again, this time for the full count. An excellent performance by the 19-year-old Sibson, and a welcome birthday present for his manager, Carl Gunns. This victory elevates Tony to the top half-dozen middleweights in the country; James Cooke, Coventry, 128, also won by a knockout, disposing of Mark Hill, Wednesday, 130, in two rounds. The final punch was a right to the chin after Hill had been decked twice; Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 130, beat Steve Henderson, Aylesbury, 127½, the referee intervening in the seventh after Henderson had been decked; Granville Allen, Wednesbury, 140½, outscored Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 140, over eight by 80-73, not losing a round; Steve Early, Coventry, 145¾, also didn't lose a round in outpointing substitute Joey Saunders, Nottingham, 138, over six by 60-55. Saunders was making his pro debut, and in spite of being knocked out of the ring in the fourth, did well to see it through; Terry Chard, Newport, 206, made a successful debut by outpointing Alan Ward, Mexborough, 200, over six by 59-56; Joey Williams, Poplar, 177, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Rocky Burton, Coventry, 175, over six by 59-57. In spite of being handicapped by a cut left eyebrow and cuts on the nose and mouth, Williams made a strong finish to clinch victory.

▲**Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester**—Eddie Smith, Manchester, 164, had no trouble in outpointing George Salmon, Stoke, 164, over eight by 79-73. Not an exest, citing contest, Salmon going down for a short count in the final round; Mick Bell, Leicester 142, had it just as easy in outscoring Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 141, by 80-75, also over eight, not losing a round. Taylor never gave up trying, and Bell was cut by the left eye in the sixth; Adey Allen, Leicester, 137¾, beat George Metcalf, Leeds, 133½, the bout being stopped in the third when Metcalf was cut over the right eye; Steve Goodwin, Liverpool, 156, defeated Vince Baxter, Blackpool, 154, the referee intervening in the third when Baxter was still on his feet, but absorbing punishment.

▲**National Sporting Club, London**—Jeff Pritchard, New Tredegar, 130, scored a fine victory over Lee Graham, Finchley, 127, the score over eight being 80-73; Pritchard didn't lose a round, and was in command throughout. He showed a better variety of punches, and his combinations in the later rounds were too much for the plucky Graham; Brian Gregory, Doncaster, 157, outscored Vic Jackson, Hackney, 156¾, by 79-75 over eight. Gregory's left lead saw him home, and he looked the harder puncher; Nigel Thomas, Llanelli, 144¾, outpointed Johnny Beauchamp, Portsmouth, 148, over four by 40-37, not losing a round; Substitute Del Whyte, Tottenham, 136½, gained a four rounds points win against Trevor Cord, Swansea, 132, by 39-38. Many thought Cord deserved at least a draw.

▲**Templemore Sports Complex, Derry**—Charlie Nash, the Irish lightweight champion, 132, won the vacant British crown by beating Johnny Claydon, 133¾, the bout being stopped at the end of the twelfth in a scheduled fifteen-rounder. It was a peculiar ending, and the circumstances were these. At that stage, referee Roland Dakin had Nash in front by ten points, and the rules state that when that happens the fight must be stopped. The trouble was that the rule had been made when the scoring was in half-points, but was never amended.

Referee Dakin was quoted as saying that he would not have stopped it if the scoring was still in half-points, as Claydon was still strong. Whether this would have made any difference in the result is doubtful. Claydon could not possibly have made up the points margin in the last three rounds, but Nash was cut on the right eyebrow in the ninth, and if the injury had worsened then, there was the possibility that the bout would have had to be stopped in Claydon's favour. But it's all mere conjecture. Claydon deserved to be allowed to go the full route, but full marks to Nash for a competent performance that put him so far in front. Claydon also had an eye injury, by the side of his left eye, but it was not in a dangerous position.

Nash was never in trouble. He used his southpaw jab to keep his opponent at bay, and it was only after sustaining the eye injury that there seemed any chance that Claydon could win. But Charlie still managed to outbox his man in spite of his handicap, with Claydon occasionally getting home with good right hands to the face. His left hooks were powerful too, but he wasn't scoring frequently enough to give his opponent any worries. There were dramatic scenes at the end, with fans swarming into the ring, and even when leaving some ten minutes afterwards they stayed at ringside, making it difficult for the rest of the paying customers to see the action. Nash was presented with the Lonsdale Belt by Board officials Bill Sheeran,

Paddy Graham, Belfast, 126½, beat Billy Rabbit (real name Seamus McGarrigale), Strabane, 136½, the bout being stopped in the eighth and final round when Rabbit was cut on the left eyebrow. Rabbit was having only his third pro contest, and aided by a substantial weight advantage, did very well. Graham was in charge during the early rounds, but tired later; Gerry Maguire, Lurgan, 138, won his debut by beating Gene (brother of Billy) McGarrigale, Strabane, who was disqualified in the fourth of persistent misuse of the head; Pat Campbell, Belfast, 136¾, beat Gerry Burns, Belfast, 135½, the referee intervening in the third with Burns in trouble.

▲**Liverpool Stadium**—Not many had heard of American Johnny Heard, 157, when he came to Britain, but he caused an upset by outpointing the previously-unbeaten Robbie Davies, Birkenhead, 158, over eight by the narrowest possible margin of 77-76. Heard came in as a substitute, and endeared himself to the fans by his style and skill. True, he was decked briefly in the second, but recovered in brilliant fashion to put Davies down in the following round. At that point Robbie looked in difficulties, but it was only momentary. From then on it was toe-to-toe, with fine work on both sides. Davies had a swelling around the left eye and a slight cut on the nose. There were times when he caught the American with some good crosses to the jaw, but the latter withstood this and came right back. An excellent bout, and Heard will be welcome back any time; Dave Davies, Bangor, 157, kayoed Joe Oke, Ghana, 157, in the sixth with a right to the chin; Brian Snagg, Liverpool, 137½, beat Don Burgin, Shotton, 138, the bout being stopped in the third after Burgin was cut over the right eye.

Debutant Stan Atherton, Liverpool, 140, outpointed Martin Bridge Bradford, 143, by 59-57 over six. Atherton started shakily against his southpaw opponent, but came back well and his body punching saw him home; George Bailey, Bradford, 111, outpointed Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, 113½, over six by 58-57. There aren't many flyweights in Britain, but those little men always seem to put up a crowd-pleasing scrap. This was no exception and the 18-year-old Bailey showed a lot of promise; Tony Bogle, Bradford, 151, beat Jimmy Roberts, Bootle, 149, who was retired by his corner at the end of the second. By that time he couldn't see properly out of his right eye and he was also cut over the left eye.

▲**Neptune's Palace, Caister**—Prince Rodney, Huddersfield, 149, caused a surprise by outpointing Carl Bailey, Manchester, 148, over eight by 79-77; Rodney impressed with the accuracy of his punching, and he showed a good variety of blows in his work. Bailey was willing enough, but was outmaneuvered in most phases of the fight; Dave Ward, Rossendale, 147½, beat Carl North, Leicester, 149, the referee intervening in the fifth when North was cut above the right eye. Anybody's fight at that stage; Not everyone agreed with the decision that made Larry Richards, Wolverhampton, 128, a four-round points winner against Steve Enwright, Halifax, 126½, with the latter's work-rate looking superior; Tony Hague, Leicester, 148, outscored Dave Dunn, Manchester, 149, by 40-37 over four, not losing a round. An excellent contest, with Hague showing fine potential.

▲**Manor Place Baths, London**—Dave Smith, 115½, confirmed a previous victory by comfortably outpointing Bryn Griffiths, Rhondda, 115¼, over eight by 80-74, not losing a round. Beaten last time out by Charlie Magri, for the British flyweight crown, Smith is now after the Southern Area bantamweight title, which is vacant. He meets Gary Davidson shortly. Smith's win was not quite as overwhelming as the score suggests, Griffiths always being willing to trade punches when in trouble, but the Welshman tired in the later stages. When he cut loose, Smith scored well with left jabs and right crosses against his southpaw opponent; Cookie Roomes, South Norwood, 141¾, impressed in outscoring Billy Jeram,

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COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT
Title Vacant
1. Billy Aird (E)
2. John L. Gardner (E)
3. George Chuvalo (C)
4. Denton Ruddock (J)
5. Isaac Hussien (E)
6. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
7. Les Stevens (E)
8. Terry Mintus (E)
9. Tony Moore (J)
10. Fonomanu Sekona (T)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
GARY SUMMERHAYS (C)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Mustapha Wasajja (Ug)
3. Tony Mundine (A)
4. Bunny Johnson (J)
5. Rag Affleck (S)
6. Victor Attivor (G)
7. Ernie Barr (Bah)
8. Pat McCann (E)
9. Lat Darasin (N)
10. Garfield McEwan (E)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
AL KOROVOU (Fiji)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Monty Betham (NZ)
4. Fernand Marcotte (C)
5. Bunny Sterling (J)
6. Jean-Claud Leclair (C)
7. Frankie Lucas (St. Vin)
8. Daniel Levesque (C)
9. Tony Gibson (E)
10. Scorpion Ofosu (G)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
MAURICE HOPE (Ant)
1. Rocky Mattioli (A)
2. Ayub Kalule (Ug)
3. Elisha Obed (Bah)
4. Jimmy Batten (E)
5. Wally Carr (A)
6. Tony Poole (E)
7. John Layton (A)
8. Larry Paul (E)
9. Torkano Marcos (A)
10. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
CLYDE GRAY (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. Eddie Marcelle (Tr)
3. John H. Stracey (E)
4. Henry Rhiney (J)
5. Vernon Lewis (Guy)
6. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
7. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
8. Neil Pattel (A)
9. Billy Waith (W)
10. Kevin White (E)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
BABY CASSIUS AUSTIN (A)
1. Hector Thompson (A)
2. Tony Aba (Papua)
3. Mark Abai (Pap)
4. Martin Beni (Pap)
5. Colin Powers (E)
6. Clinton McKenzie (J)
7. Chris Davies (W)
8. Al Ford (C)
9. Ross Eadie (A)
10. Des Morrison (J)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
LEN BLACKMORE (Guy)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Claude Noel (Tr)
3. Charlie Nash (I)
4. Barry Michael (A)
5. Billy Mulholland (A)
6. Johnny Claydon (E)
7. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
8. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)
9. Cleveland Denny (C)
10. Hogan Jimoh (N)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
EDDIE NDUKWU (N)
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Alan Richardson (E)
3. Brian Roberts (A)
4. Les Pickett (W)
5. Dave Needham (E)
6. Jimmy Flint (E)
7. Brian Schofield (A)
8. Paddy Graham (I)
9. Guinea Hillier (A)
10. Pat Cowdell (E)

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion
SULLEY SHITTU (G)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Johnny Owen (W)
3. Wayne Evans (W)
4. Gary Davidson (E)
5. John Feeney (E)
6. Wally Angliss (E)
7. Roger Richens (A)
8. George Sutton (W)
9. Sharkey Hughes (A)
10. Pedro Solo (A)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
PATRICK MAMBWE (Zam)
1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Steve Bell (A)
3. Charlie Brown (A)
4. Dave Smith (E)
5. Neil McLaughlin (I)
6. John Hipwell (A)

JOHN ABA (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. BILLY MOELLER (A) and KAYINOLA ARMAH (N) are official contenders.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ismael Ruiz beat Dan Johnson, 10
Fili Moala stopped Charlie James, 4
Frank Monaco halted Jim Pixley, 1
Iron Man Echols beat Chico Gardner, 10
Ibar Arrington stopped George Jerome, 8, Dick Gosha, 5
Al Neumann beat Scott Welch, 8 (Disq.), then stopped Jack Martin, 2
Mark Junior halted Ted Turner, 1
Leroy Boone stopped Terry Mims, 4
Dennis Jordan was halted by John Gardner, 3
Bruce Grandham stopped Neville Meade, 3
Chuck Wepner stopped Johnny Blaine, 3
Dante Cane beat Joe Gholston, 10
George Monstardini kayoed Baker Tinsley, 1
Eddie Taylor stopped Charlie Jordan, 1
Dave Plisko was stopped by Ronald Gibbs, 5
Pete McIntyre stopped Mike Quarry, 5
John Kane kayoed Bobby Halpern, 6
David Smith and Al Brooks fought to No Decision, 6
George Williams stopped Richard Claiborne, 1
Carl Ivy beat Fred Wallace, 6
Alfonso Dominguez beat Bobby Vascacu, 6
Randy Stephens kayoed Tom Prater, 2
Wendell Bailey beat Johnny Warr, 6
Bill Sharkey stopped Charlie Harris, 2
Albert Syben halted Mohammed Hussien, 4
Diego Cavallin beat Angelo Visini, 6

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

C.J. Brown stopped Art Sinclair, 5
Murrey Sutherland halted Gus Turner, 4
Mustapha Wassaja beat Ernie Barr, 8
Mike Quarry beat Ronnie Wilson, 10
Len Provo beat Jim Ingram, 5, Junior Abers, 6
Junior Albers beat King David Smith, 10
Johnny Wilburn beat Nate Dixon, 6
Lou Benson stopped Billy Early, 1
Bobby Howard and Doug Arlt Drew, 6
Dale Grant stopped Stan Johnson, 10
Dave Lytle stopped Sylvester Langley, 1
Ramon Ranquello halted Joe Morales, 2
Sal San Fillippo halted James Clark, 3, Ray Cieslank, 1
Ralph Cuomo was stopped by Cornell Chavis, 1
Howard Burnstein beat Philip Shevack, 4
Gerrie Bodenstein halted Willem Giesing, 2
Elijah Makhatini beat Jan Kies, 8
Teunis Kok stopped William Mandyu, 3
Martin Barnard stopped Jeffrey Ellis, 3

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Hugo Corro beat Rodrigo Valdes, 15
(World Middleweight Title)
Ricky Weigel stopped Richard Abbott, 3
Alex Peralta stopped Mauro Galvan, 2
Al Clay beat Johnny Heard, 10
Keith Broom beat Dalton Swift, 4
Wade Lee stopped Peter Vorias, 1
Mike Farrell beat Sylvester Harris, 4
Clem Tucker stopped Mike Westrich, 1
Rafael Rodriguez beat Pat O'Conner, 10
Gary Guiden halted Gary Broughton, 7
Jeff Morgan stopped Tiger Cupe, 3
Johnny Heard beat Robbie Davies, 8
Ayub Kalule beat Johnny Baldwin, 10
Ray Seales beat Mayfield Pennington, 8, then drew with Willie Warren, 10
Mike Colbert beat Clifford Wills, 10
Ricky Burgess halted Don Godfroy, 1
Bennie Briscoe stopped Tony Chiaverini, 8
Pascual Ramirez stopped Coleman Blackum, 5
Pat Murphy halted Johnny Sears, 6
Rusty Rosenberger beat Gene Muldrown, 4
Larry Smith shipped Willie Baldwin, 8
Tommy Howard stopped Leon McCullum, 7
Marvin Hagler halted Doug Demmings, 8
(U.S. Middleweight Title)
Robby Epps knocked out Lalo Barriente, 2
Ignacio Lopez stopped Regino Maybit, 1
David Kuykendall stopped Larry Jackson, 4
Paul Stephens beat Dennis Haggarty, 4
Ray Phillips beat Joe Barrientes, 10
Johnny Heard beat Leo Saenz, 10
Marco Gerardo halted Renato Garcia, 9
Trento Facciocchi beat Mushapata Kabangu, 8
Hendryk Seys beat Odon Beltchika, 8
Roberto Felicioni beat Gianni Mingardi, 8
Luciano Sordini stopped Salvatore Russo, 5
Aldo Buzzetti beat Kadir Youceler, 6
McDonald Shezi won over Sophania Manyika, 4
Joseph Mohlala and Samuel Maloma Drew, 6
Gerhardus Gouws halted Jan Espag, 2
Charlie Weir beat Wolfgang Gans, 8

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Enrigue Silva halted Mario Neri
Warren Thunder stopped Leonard Boyd, 2
Richie Jackson stopped Anthony Thompson, 1
Russell Pope and Andre Beard, Drew 5
Ricky Weigel stopped Hector Fernandez, 2
Pablo Baez halted Al Fletcher, 2
Jorge Alfaro lost to Agapito Ramirez, 5
Danny Perez kayoed Frankie Lopez, 1
Domonic De Marzo knocked out Rocky Cosmo, 3
Richard Jacons stopped James Tinsley, 1
Mike Farrel beat Dalton Swift, 4
Odell Leonard beat Stanley Jackson, 4
Sylvester Harris halted Wase Lee, 1
Mike Baker beat Jimmy Savage, 10
Michal Lanphere was halted by Marty Dowell, 2
Ernesto Ros and Vincenzo De Camillis, Drew, 6
Eric Capossela beat Giampolo Piras, 6
Angel Robinson Garcia beat Pol Payen, 10
Donato Romano beat Giancarlo Denti, 6
Libero Moi beat Luciano Laffranchi, 8
Sydney Shezi beat Abram Nthupi, 4
Stephen Naude beat Martin Lockett, 4
Emil Brice won over George Slabbert, 4
Wentzel Marais won over Isaac Yoto, 4
Gert Steyn beat Ralph Palladin, 10

WELTERWEIGHTS

Mario Neri whipped Agapito Ramirez, 5
Andy Price stopped Julio Gomez, 2
Rudy Barro was halted by Kevin Morgan, 9
Zeferino Gonzales beat Greg Stephens, 6
Victor Abraham beat Pablo Baez, 10
Marvin Jenkins stopped Larry Puchta, 3
Pat Cuillo stopped Fred Brown, 6
Larry Morgan beat Chuck Gregory, 4
Santiago Valdez stopped Denny Plegg, 1
Danny Myers whipped Joey Hrbcha, 4
Maurice Hope beat Mel Dennis, 10
Jorge Fernandez halted Daniel Ocequeda, 3, then beat Miguel Landeros, 5
Pete Ranzany stopped Joe Grier, 4
Ron Cummings beat Pablo Baez, 6
David Garza beat Jorge Fernandez, 6
Donnell McCabe beat Danny Johnson, 4
Cj Faison halted Muhammad El, 1
Babs McCarthy halted Jose Baquedano, 1
Mike Rundell kayoed Victor Martinez, 3
Jose Palacios won over Ray Davis, 10
Steven Delgado won over Joe Maldonado, 6
Neil Pattell defeated Mark Bennet, 10
Dan De Guzman defeated Hector Thompson, 10
Fred Coranson whipped Georges Warusfel, 12
Luigi Matello beat Augisto Lauri, 8
Ernesto Marini stopped Francesco De Marco, 4
Jean Pierre Luzolanu halted Dirk Declerk, 8
Alain Ruocco beat Pascal Zito, 10
Guiseppe De Padova defeated Giovanni Mairorano, 8
Alois Carmeliet beat Jesse Lara, 10
Luiz Ribeiro stopped Francesco Plate, 4
Kevin Morgan stopped Rudy Barro, 9
Carlos Palomino halted Mimoun Mohatar, 9
(Retained World Welterweight Title)
Ephaim Mabena beat Louis Sibiya, 4
Ray Leonard stopped Bobby Haymon, 3

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Monroe Brooks halted Jose Gonzales, 2
Ditmar Becton beat Craig Stevens, 4
Russ Newton was halted by Ken Saale, 3
Mary Kudla beat Sue Carlson, 4 (WOMEN)
Saensak Muangsurin stopped Francisco Moreno, 13
(WBC Jr. Welterweight Title)
Jose Castro beat Bill Matthis, 5
Abraham Perez stopped Tony Sanchez, 5
Bobby McAnn halted John Wilson, 1
Bill Matthis beat Ruben Martinez, 6
Bruce Curry stopped Monroe Brooks, 9
(U.S. Jr. Welterweight Title)
Rocky Ramon halted Luis Vega, 8
Joe Gibilisco beat Glen Howard, 10
Juan Jose Gimenez beat Oscar Aparicio, 10
Angelo Provenzano stopped Ugo Poli, 4
Jonathan Mabaso and Michael Shabane Drew, 4
Peet Van Der Westhuizen won over Hardy Mileham, 4
Louis Neleling stopped Petrus Karstens, 4
Jack Jim halted Welcome Mtyongwe, 5

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Claude Durden was beaten by Gonzalo Montellano, 10
Fili Ramirez stopped Mike Maturino, 2, Alex Rodriguez, 6
Otis Hooper stopped Earle Smith, 1, Andre Mordecai, 1
Miguel Meza was stopped by Frankie Baltizar, 4
David Barrera beat Julian Fuentes, 4
Armando Coronado beat Alfonso Cirilos, 8
Pedro Flores stopped Antonio Sanchez, 5
Robert Perez won over Jimmy Martinez, 10
Jose Castro lost to Eric Bonilla, 5
Craig Stevens whipped Robert Brumfeld, 4
Gino Perez stopped Danny Daniels, 1
Gary Pittman beat Arturo Vidrio, 4
Bouchiba Messaoud beat Jean Pierre Hainault, 8
Cosimo Lavino beat Carlo Frassinetti, 8
Patrizio Burini defeated Gerardo Scognamiglio, 6
N'Toya Kilala defeated Andres Blanco, 6
Pellegrino Ventrone beat Gregorio Ciancaglione, 8
Eloy De Souza beat Angelo Fanciulli, 8
Eddie Mileham stopped Renier De Beer, 2
Fungile But stopped Luvuyo Vabaza, 2
Chris Bente beat Boy Boy Mtimkulu, 4
Kenneth Moyi and Bukuwana Matinwane, Drew, 4

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS

Reynaldo Zaragoza beat Mariano Alanzo, 8
Paul Morales stopped Jose Rodriguez, 4
Ricky Patterson beat Robert Gibson, 4
Jose Rodriguez halted Sergio Nualarte, 10
Antonio Fuentes was beaten by Claude Durden, 10
Fili Ramirez beat Salvador Gonzalez, 6
Jose Olivares lost to Herman Montes, 10
Kunphollek Sakornphitak beat Apisakdi Donjadee, 10
Somchart Sakdipayak beat Dansing Sorphayatai, 10
Sumake Charchang won over Singsamuth Sithgunphai, 10
Bozooka Limon knocked out Ernest Bing, 10
Natale Vezzoli beat Elio Cotena, 15
(European Jr. Lightweight Title)
Franco Siddu decisioned Giuseppe Agate, 8
Robert Baronet whipped Alexander Sibiya, 4
Norman Bromfield stopped Rocky Meyer, 3
Kemmel Phele and Howard Motumi drew, 6
Joseph Gumede beat Lazarus Mofokeng, 8

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Danny Lopez stopped Jose DePaula, (WBC Featherweight Title), 6
Eusebio Pedroza kayoed Cecilio Lastra, 13 (WBA Featherweight Title)
Jose Luis Lara beat Salvador Gonzalez, 6
Fel Clemente beat Jose Torres, 10
Salvador Torres stopped Juan Villa, 6
Lloyd Allen halted Ron Furlow, 6
Wilfredo Gomez kayoed Juan Antonio Lopez, 7
(WBC Jr. Featherweight Title)
Bob Everett beat Jose Montenez, 4, then stopped Montenez, 2, Virgilio Aviles, 4
Lupe Pintor beat Gerald Hayes, 10
Frankie Duarte stopped Danny Ocampo, 9
Jose Caba knocked out Francisco Grullon, 1
Jorge Miranda stopped Mario Castro, 5
Mike Ayala halted George McGarvey, 1
Ernesto Herrera beat Richard Gutierrez, 10
Arturo Garcia beat Jose Medrano, 10
Sead O'Grady stopped Romeo Anaya, 3
Fel Clemente beat Romeo Anaya, 10
David Barrera beat Julian Fuentes, 4
Francisco Ponce beat Jose Resendiz, 4
Paul Ferreri beat Brean Schofield, 10
Salvatore Avella halted Gianfranco Lalli, 3
Cornelius Swanepoel stopped Pieter Swanepoel, 2
Baliso Molao won over Sonwabo Sgetye, 4

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Jose Resendiz stopped Antonio Sanchez, 3
Jose Luis Vieyra was halted by Juan Pajarito Garcia, 4
Alberto Sandoval stopped Eliseo Cosme, 5
Jose Luis Vieyra and Juan Garcia Drew, 5
Carlos Zarate halted Andre Hernandez, 13
(WBC Bantamweight Title)
Oscar Muniz and Santiago Hernandez drew, 7
Paz Mena beat Tito Arzate, 6
Jorge Lujan stopped Roberto Rubaldino, 11
(World Bantamweight Title)
Jimmy Magnifico beat Isais Villanueva, 6
Romano Mugnai beat Lucio Vailati, 8
Gordon Nomaqhiza beat Ezekiel Mokoena, 4
Daniel Hlahane won over Richard Modise, 10
Daluxolo Tyekana and Nkosana Moss Drew, 6
Phindile Gaika beat Daluxolo Tyekana, 6
Tembisile Ngxingolo lost to Boy Mnyaka, 4
Leo Cruz beat Lupe Pintor, 10

FLYWEIGHTS

Joey Olivo beat Victor Diaz, 10
Raul Pacheco whipped Rafael Rubio, 10
Joey Olivo beat Candy Igelias, 6
Alonso Gonzalez beat Jorge Ayala, 6
Netrnoi S. Vorasing halted Tito Abella, 5
Narongrith Sithsompong won over Suriya Pratunvadee, 10
Ryu Kanonji and Susumu Wakabayashi Drew, 10
Bernabe Villacampo won over Shigeo Nakajima via KO, 4
Koichi Maki beat Kenji Kato, 10
Miguel Canto whipped Shoji Oguma, 15
(World Flyweight Title)
Benjamin Metsing beat Meshack Mazibuko, 4
Lawrence Krune won over Dolly Bangisco, 4
Monde Mpulampula beat Fundisile Kralo, 6
Lucas Ngetezo and Mxolisi Nohenda, Drew, 4
Lodewicus Pretorius beat Charles McGeer, 10

HALPERN STOPS KANE IN FOUR

By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

White Plains, New York — K.O. Bobby Halpern, 44-year-old heavyweight, Bronx, avenged his only loss by stopping "Irish" Johnny Kane, Bayonne, New Jersey, in the fourth round of a scheduled 8 rounder.

What was labeled as a "grudge match," turned out to be just that as both fighters came out throwing heavy artillery. Halpern staggered Kane throughout the first three rounds and put his opponent down for an 8 count near the end of the third. The fourth round was all Halpern's, as he repeatedly connected with strong shots to the head and body to the delight of the crowd and finally put Kane away with a thunderous right cross at 1:40 of that round. The win raised Halpern's record to 10-1 with 9 K.O.'s.

In other prelims; Felix Perez, 135, Bronx, TKO'd Benito Jiminez, 133¼, Hoboken, New Jersey, in 51 seconds of the 7th of a scheduled 8 round semi-final. Ken Bristol, 156½, Brooklyn, New York, decisioned Gil Rosario, 159, Hoboken, New Jersey in 6. Pee Wee Suarez, 138¾, New York City, TKO'd Pete O'Keefe, 143, Maplewood, New Jersey. Marciano Bernardi, 157, Mt. Kisco, New York, K.O'ed Ray Bryant, 158, Elizabeth, New Jersey in 2:06 of the third. Salvatore Dragone, 139, Mt. Vernon, New York, decisioned Mel Boynton, 136½, Brooklyn, New York, in four.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA

By SIMON BRONENBERG

▲**Santa Fe** — In the jr. middle class, Jacinto Fernandez kayoed Miguel Angel Moyano in the second round.

▲**Posadas** — In the welter division, Floro Zarza and Federico O. Godoy drew, ten.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Luna Park ring, Argentine and South American champion Manuel Gonzalez outpointed Juan C. Bogado in ten. Non title bout.

▲**C. Carlos Bariloche** — Feathers; Ramon Dominguez kayoed Roberto Diaz, Chile, in the second round.

▲**Roque S. Pena** — In the feather class, Domingo Casco beat Ortigoza in ten.

▲**Azul** — Undefeated Ruben Pardo beat Hugo Obregon, ten. They are middleweights.

▲**San Francisco** — In the junior welter class, Juan A. Merlo kayoed Juan Hipolito Moreno in the third round.

▲**San Luis** — In the middle division Cesar Duarte outpointed Jose Maria Flores Burlon in 10 rounds.

▲**La Plata** — Jr. welter, Hugo Luero whipped Epifanio Pavon, in ten.

▲**Pergamino** — In the new division junior heavies, Carlos Flores Burlon beat Adolfo Salvatierra by a TKO in eighth round.

▲**Villa Maria** — In the bantam class, Raul "Nico" Perez decisioned Luis Gerez in ten rounds.

▲**Tucuman** — In the light heavy division, Ruben Zamarro kayoed Mario Campos in the eighth.

▲**Salta** — In the jr. light class, Luis A. Zarate beat Alberto Pereyra in eight rounds.

▲**Cordoba** — Manuel Gonzalez II outpointed Ramon E. Perez ten. Middleweights

▲**Concordia** — Feathers, Hugo Fernandez outpointed Pedro Torres, ten.

▲**Ingeniero Luiggi** — In the jr. welter division Ramon Araujo decisioned Venancio Gonzalez in ten rounds.

▲**Comodoro Rivadavia** — In the welter class Celestino Pacheco beat Juan "Pamperito" Olivera in ten.

▲**Zarate** — Welters, Manuel Ramon Bustos beat Valerio Benitez by a TKO in second round.

▲**Posadas** — Argentine and Southamerica light junior champion Victor Echegaray outpointed Ramon Gonzalez in 12 rounds and retained his crown.

▲**Rio Cuarto** — Lights, Julio Mellone decisioned Ramon Allende in 10 rounds.

▲**Mendoza** — Argentine fly champion Ramon Soria outpointed Gilberto Lopez, from Uruguay.

▲**Bahia Blanca** — Miguel A. Garcia decisioned Antonio Juarez in ten. Welters.

▲**San Pedro** — In the light division Nestor Gundin beat Roberto Arevalo in six.

▲**Rosario** — Ruben Gonzalez beat Juan Carlos Sosa II in 12 rounds and won the lightheavy division crown.

▲**Rio Tercero** — In the light jr. division Alberto Castillo and Emilcio Ortiz drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Salta** — Hipolito Nunez decisioned Emilio Haedo, ten.

▲**S. Carlos Bariloche** — In the jr. middle division, good prospect in this weight Alfredo H. Cabral beat Ricardo Molina Ortiz, Chile, by a TKO in the fourth round.

▲**Trelew** — Argentine welter champion Miguel Angel Campanino beat Miguel Angel Fernandez on points in ten rounds in a non-title bout.

▲**Campana** — In the welter division, Ricardo "Palito" Magallanes outpointed Vicente Martinez in ten.

▲**La Plata** — Welters, Hector Quinteros beat Jose Gigena in ten rounds.

▲**Tucuman** — In the fly class Jose Ibiris beat Felipe Rojas in 7th round by a medical decision.

▲**Roque S. Pena** — Lights, Victor Escobar outpointed Jose "Pipi" Lopez in ten.

▲**General Alvear (Mendoza)** — Lights, Abraham Valenzuela outpointed Pedro Aguero in ten.

▲**San Juan** — Ex-Argentine light champion Nicolas Arkuzsyn decisioned Raul Venerdini in ten rounds.

▲**Cordoba** — In the light division, Oscar Albarracin defeated Oscar Barrios ten.

▲**Huinca Renanco** — Jr. Bantams Hugo Emer and Jose Izquierdo drew, ten.

▲**Parana** — In the middle class Oscar Ayala kayoed Ramon Feldman in the first round.

▲**Venado Tuerto** — In the welter division, Sergio Loyola beat Juan C. Salomon, ten.

▲**Concordia** — Rodolfo Rjoas outpointed Antonio Capdevilla, ten. They are welters.

▲**Bell-Ville** — In the jr. welter class, Hugo Quartapelle beat Raul Colombo in ten.

▲**Villa Mercedes** — Welters, Simon Escobar beat Luis "Golepa" Cabral in ten rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Luna Park ring Argentine featherweight champion Juan Domingo Malvarez beat Manuel Andrada by a TKO in the seventh round.

▲**Tandil** — In the welter class Juan Carlos Canete and Raul Guillermo drew in ten.

▲**Gualeguaychu** — Jr. middles, Oscar Aguero decisioned Luis Gimenez, ten.

▲**Realico** — In the light class, Miguel A. Gonzalez and Santiago Lopez drew in ten.

▲**Chajari** — Jr. middles, Rogelio Zarza whipped Hector Centurion in ten rounds.

▲**Mendoza** — In the middle class, Alfredo Cruz outpointed Juan Ibanez, ten, and won the local title.

▲**Posadas** — In the feather division, Dacio Perez outpointed Benicio Sosa, ten.

▲**Rosario** — In the middle class, Manuel Gonzalez II whipped Roque Roldan, ten.

▲**Resistencia** — Argentine heavy champion Domingo D'Elia beat Pablo Noe Castellino by a TKO in five and retained his crown.

▲**Roque S. Pena** — In the heavy class, Roberto Cardoso beat Antonio Musladino, ten.

BOXING IN MEXICO

By EDUARDO AMER

▲**MEXICO CITY** — Samuel Machorro, 113, stopped Ignacio Espinal, 113, in eight rounds. Miguel Navarro, 113, technically kayoed Freddie Polanco, 113, in three. Manuel Luna, 113, tko'd Jose Luis Valencia, 113, in eight. Jose Luis Lara, 124, tko'd Manuel Ferrer, 129, in eight. Felipe Hernandez, 114, iced Chucho Gutierrez, 115, in one.

▲**MAZATLAN, SINALOA** — Lupe Pintor, 118, decisioned Antonio "Tony" Becerra, 118, in ten.

▲**CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA** — Hector Medina (Young Casanova), 118, tko'd Manuel "Topo gigio" Vazquez, 118, in seven, to retain Mexican bantamweight title.

▲**MEXICO CITY** — Emeterio Villanueva, 169, tko'd David "Maceton" Cabrera, 175, in three. Andres "Pantera" Ramirez, 143, tko'd Raul Arroyo, 141, in five. Chucho Ramirez, 134, tko'd Bernardo Irineo, 134, in two. Juan Hernandez, 132, tko'd Melchor Mendoza, 131, in four. Leonel Campos, 116, tko'd Antonio Aguina, 116, in two.

▲**MERIDA, YUCATAN** — Paulino Canche, 119, tko'd Severiano "Gallito" Mendoza, 119, in seven. Antonio "Chino" Benitez, 113, tko'd Genaro Romero, 110, in four. Ariel Rodriguez, 119, beat Angel Flores, 117, in six. Fernando Chavez, 110, lost to Jorge Cano, 110, in four.

▲**POZA RICA, VERACRUZ** — Felix "Pachuco" Mendez, 146, bombed Jose "Chino" Garcia, 145, in the very first round. Silvano Estopier, 146, whipped Tony Cruz, 143, in ten.

▲**NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS** — Carlos "Chompirin" Cantu, 111, outpointed Reyes Torres, 111, in ten. Jesus Cutut, 123, halted Ricardo Herrera, 122, in six.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO** — Alfonso Rodriguez, 117, knocked out Eduardo Mercado, 117, in seven.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON** — Ruben Garcia, 133, decisioned Rafael Martinez, 132, in ten. Alberto Lopez, 114, tko'd Antonio Cantu, 114, in four. Jorge Rocha, 118, polished off Alejo Campos, 117, in one. Carlos Villacana, 116, embalmed Arturo Monsivais, 116, in three. Arnulfo Hernandez, 119, kayoed Angel Mendoza, 120, in three.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO** — Emilio "Cacha" Zamora, 125, gained Esteban "Gallito" Gonzalez, 124, in ten. Miguel Reyes, 111, tko'd Felipe Farias, 111, in eight.

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS** — Justo Garcia, 121, tko'd Raul Tirado, 120, in nine.

▲**LA PAZ, BAJA CALIFORNIA** — Rafael "Tanque" Gonzalez, 125, tko'd Saul Montana, 126, in tenth and last round.

▲**CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA** — Jose Angel Cazares, 119, tko'd Tarcisio "Famosito" Gomez, 118, in eight.

▲**MONCLOVA, COAHUILA** — Ernesto Davis, 135, of Panama, and Jose Angel "Toro" Medina, 136, fought a no-contest bout in five.

▲**MEXICALI, BAJA CALIFORNIA** — Rafael Rojas, 135, stopped Carlos Becerril, 134, in three.

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS** — Ney Gordillo, 140, nailed Camilo "Guerrero" Ibarra, 135, in four. Juan Panchi, 132, tko'd Carlos Mimila, 129, in four. Fernando Gomez, 119, ko'd Silvino Valencia, 116, in three.

▲**CIUDAD DIAZ ORDAZ, TAMAULIPAS** — Jose Luis Cruz, 112, bested Juan Alvarez, 112, in ten.

▲**MERIDA, YUCATAN** — Andres Lobera, 135, outscored Juan Hernandez, 134, in ten. Luis "Puma" Fuente, 124, tko'd Arsenio Mercado, 125, in one. Artemio Alonso, 117, whipped Mike Rodriguez, 118, in six. Jose Esteban Quijano, 111, decisioned Jorge Ortegon, 113, in four. Jose "Pepino" Escalante, 123, gained Memo Gamboa, 124, in four.

▲**MEXICO CITY** — Joaquin Acuna, 119, tko'd Raul "Costeno" Valdez, 118, in two. Armando "Palitos" Perez, 111, tko'd Francisco Gonzalez, 110, in nine. Pablo Marquez, 124, defeated Fidencio Gonzalez, 124, in eight. Jesus Sanchez, 123, tko'd Raul Moreno, 124, in six. Chucho Ramirez, 134, tko'd Enrique Vazquez, 134, in four.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO** — Francisco Famoso, 146, destroyed Ernesto Caballero, 146, in the beginning round.

▲**NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS** — Gonzalo "Raton" Montes, 135, beat Jose Luis Castillo, 135, in ten. Octavio Amparan, 134, won from Andres Garcia, 134, in ten.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON** — Marco A. Rocha, 119, gained Aureliano Castillo, 117, in ten.

▲**MERIDA, YUCATAN** — Adolfo Sanjeado, 141, tko'd Mike Aceves, 141, in two. Roman Acosta, 112, halted Victor Presa, 111, in two. Jose "Chino" Misael, 147, bested Francisco Robinson Perez, 114, in six. Fernando Chavez, 110, won over Eloy Cardenas, 111, in four. Carlos Ramos, 112, tko'd Jorge Armando Kob, 112, in two.

▲**MEXICO CITY** — Francisco Manzo, 117, tko'd Benny Abarca, 117, in three. Juan Sarmiento, 132, ko'd Miguel Lira, 133, in six. Mario Rios, 110, tko'd Nuno Temix, 110, in one. Emilio Martinez, 123, tko'd Angel Lira, 124, in two, Salomon Castillo, 115, iced Trinidad Chavez, 115, in one.

▲**APATZINGAN, MICHOACAN** — Jose Luis Valencia, 112, stopped Leo "Cuervo" Castellanos, 112, in three.

▲**POZA RICA, VERACRUZ** — David Madrid, 135, tko'd Guillermo Miranda, 135, in nine. Eleuterio Davila, 124, polished off Tino Nunez, 125, in one.

▲**MEXICO CITY** — Jose Figueroa, 145, halted Celso Olivas, 146, in four. Fernando "Zarco" Martinez, 130, tko'd Pablo Rodriguez, 128, in five. Artemio Ramirez, 117, tko'd Javier Valdez, 121, in two. Candido Tellez, 106, tko'd Aragon Perez, 108, in one. Melecio Perez, 134, tko'd Manuel Nicochea, 133, in two. Felipe Hernandez, 118, tko'd Braulio Rodriguez, 118, in two.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA** — Fully Obel, 159, of Venezuela, tko'd Rudy Robles, 160, in four. Rafael Nunez, 124, and Ignacio "Negro" Campos, 125, drew in ten. Julio Leal, 125, tko'd Tony Perez, 125, in five. Bennie Silva, 113, halted Jose Luis Valente, 113, in three. David Bernal, 117, tko'd Ruben Martinez, 117, in three.

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS** — Raul Decaro, 118, tko'd Javier Solis, 117, in four. Antonio Lopez, 124, tko'd Ruben Torres, 123, in seven. Gilberto Morales, 116, tko'd Eliezer Montero, 116, in 7.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

SPARROW'S HIDEAWAY ARENA — Eddie Marcelle, 146¼ lbs., welterweight champion of Trinidad and Tobago, won by TKO from Miguel Morales, 147, Puerto Rico, in 39 seconds of the fifth round in what was termed a fiasco scheduled to go ten rounds.

News reached Tinidad and Tobago that Claude Noel light weight champion of Trinidad and Tobago had been "kayoed" with a rib injury while training and Michael Drayton, 129½, ex-lightweight champion of Trinidad and Tobago, came in as a substitute within three days and took on Ernesto Gargias, 136, Mexico, carried by our press and television as the No. 6 lightweight in the world by (WBA). Garfias sent Drayton to the canvas for a count of eight with a right to the jaw in the fourth. The aggressive Mexican coming in for the kill with chin up and guard down, Drayton, in desperation, caught Garfias with a left-right combination to his jaw and down went the Mexican for a count of eight. The Mexican survived the round and went on to lose by a split decision — ten rounds. Drayton received $1,700 local money and Garfias received $2,500 (U.S.).

Judge Frank Hastic: 48-46, Drayton; Judge Juan Reece: 48-45, Garfias; Referee Melchoir Taylor: 47-44, Drayton.

Sterling Benjamin, 199 Lbs., of Trinidad and Tobago, and Rafael Guerrero, 228 Lbs., of Puerto Rico, were disqualified by Referee George Cumberbatch in the fifth round for persistent holding and refusing to carry out his instructions. Another fiasco making the foreigners' ratings seem questionable. However, our boxing board of control is silent all the way.

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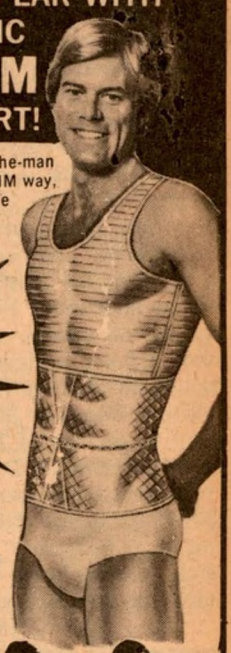

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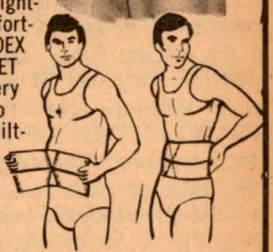

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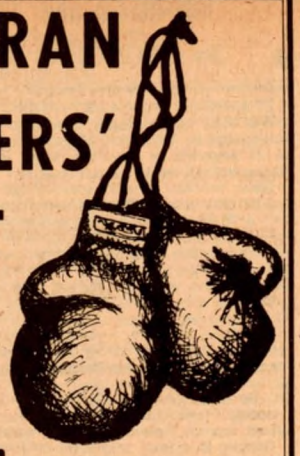

By Harry Warren

TEX JORDAN, of 172 Tennyson Road, Warwick, Rhode Island 02888, writes to tell me of the newly chartered VBA, Ring 107, in his state. The first president is the former knockout artist LARRY BOLVIN. TEX has a famous collection of Western memorabelia which is on show at the University of Wyoming. O.K. TEX, tell Ring 107 I would like to be kept informed of how the new Ring in your area is progressing from time-to-time.

It's truly an experience to receive a letter from boxing historian JIMMY "DUKE" McKENNA; his artistic and colorful drawings are remarkable. His knowledge is amazing and he creates amazing likenesses of former fighters in his interesting donations to the World Boxing Historians Association bulletins. Write to JIMMY, you might be lucky to get one of his fabulous etchings. Post Office Box 22, Dover, N.H. 03820.

Old Timers will surely miss the last of the New York arenas that has made way for progress. Sunnyside Arena, on Queens Blvd., in Long Island City has been razed to make way for a Hamburger Palace.

I heard from SCOOP GALLELLO, the president of the International VBA, that one of the affiliate Rings, Detroit Ring 32, of Michigan, is proud of its amateur boxing team. Why not contact The Cauliflower Alley Club? They also are proud of their amateur boxing club and surely could provide tough opposition?

JOHNNY LEBOW, executive secretary of the I.V.B.A., celebrated his 75th birthday. He is a stalwart of Ring 32 of Detroit and is still involved with training the youngsters in his area. JOHNNY can be reached by writing to 29150 Westmont Ct, Farmington, Michigan. 48024.

GEORGIE RUGG was always a great influence in the New York VBA, and president AL REID of Ring 8 really missed him when he moved lock, stock and boxing gloves to Miami Beach, Florida. GEORGE is making quite a name for himself in the Sun City. Drop this corner a few lines, GEORGE. Send me the latest news from your parts and of Ring 31.

MIKE KATZ, the energetic welfare chairman of VBA, Ring 8, certainly gets around. He was over to London, England, where he was feted and given the honorary membership of the London Ex-Boxer Association. On his return to New York, MIKE has been to New Jersey, Florida and recently honored by the Cauliflower Alley Club. In his speech to that august assembly, MIKE told of the wonderful work being done by his Ring 8 and was certainly carried away when he spoke of the fabulous London ex-Boxers group. He is a real ambassador to the Old Country.

MUSHY CALLAHAN, former junior welterweight champion of the world who lost his title to JACKIE "KID" BERG, asked me to convey his love and best wishes to "Yiddle," the "Whirlwind From Whitechapel," BERG's nom de plume as a fighter. MUSHY said, "Come to Hollywood, be my personal guest."

Heard from that former favorite lightweight champion of Arkansas back in the 1930's, boxer-fighter JACKIE GRIFFIN, who made quite a name for himself. He beat: TIGER BURNS, PATSY SEVERS, TOMMY GROGAN, LEW JALLOS and even the great LEW JENKINS, in Dallas, Texas, 1938. Also COWBOY CHARLEY COBB, JIMMY WATTS, FRANKIE GRAHAM, and JOHNNY COOK to mention a few. He spent 6-years, 2-months and 14-days in the United States Marine Corps, was wounded twice at Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima and retired as a Sgt. in September 1945. He was proud of his stablemate, the welter and middleweight contender TOMMY FREEMAN. Incidently, TOMMY lost only five bouts in his career, to: GORILLA JONES, JACKIE FIELDS, YOUNG JACK THOMPSON, JOE DUNDEE, and MANUAL QUINTERO, all championship stock. Now retired and 65, JACKIE would like to hear from his old pals in the sport. Write to: 2501 Hillburn Drive, C. Dallas, Texas. 75-227.

News from the German front: former German champion GUSTAV SHOLZ owns two beauty cosmetic shops and an Agency in Berlin (West of course); JOSEF BESSELMANN owns several supermarkets in Cologne; German fistic great PETER MULLER is owner of a Vending Machine Company in Cologne, West Germany; GUSTAV EDER and HEINZ SEIDLER are owners of restaurants in West Berlin, while another former German champion, ERICH SEELIG, former middle and light heavyweight champion, now resides in the good old U.S.A. He defeated such great fighters as KID TUNERO, MICKEY WALKER, KEN OVERLIN, twice. SEELIG fought other fistic personalities such as MARCEL THIL, GUSTAVE ROTH, BILLY CONN, TEDDY YAROSH, FRED APOSTOLI, and AL HOSTAK for the middle weight championship of the world. Write to ERICH-R.D.4. Pleasantville, New Jersey 08232.

ERNIE FUENTES, former fighter is now matchmaking in San Diego, Calif. ERNIE FOSSEY, the former Islington, London, England lightweight contender is now going great guns as a promoter in London. Has two halls booked solidly my informers tell me. It proves that former fighters if given the chance will come out tops.

I had an interesting letter from SAL H. MONTES, P.O. Box 2175, San Ysidro, California 92073. He tells me he is seventy years of age, runs four miles a day, (in 30 minutes), shadow boxes for 30 minutes, and is 145 pounds. He wants to take on someone, preferably a South Californian, with a view to a boxing contest. Any enterprising promoters around—he enquires? Well, I've now heard it all, but then, in California there is a group that organizes the Senior Olympics. Write to KID CHISSELL, The Hollywood Independant Newspaper. He will help you.

ERNIE WOODMAN served in the Royal Ulster Rifles and was the light heavyweight champion of the 8th Battalion. Of course, ERNIE wasn't an Irishman, he was a down-to-earth Cockney. A real ole Battersea Embankment boy. After the war, he became a noted British light heavy and also a contender for FREDDIE MILLS' British title. An elimination series was organized and ERNIE was paired with LEN FOWLER. BUT due to the fact that he had already beaten FOWLER three times he just could not find a promoter to stage the fight. Goodhearted FREDDIE MILLS (who as everyone knows, became the world light heavy champion when he defeated GUS LESNEVICH) sent ERNIE a photo of himself, scrawled across the photo was the message, "Cheer up champ." FREDDIE had heard of the difficulty and with his sense of humor hoped the photo would cheer ERNIE UP. Congratulations WILLIE PASTRANO on your marriage. By the way, he is now attempting to promote fight shows. Good Luck champ!

SID FLAHERTY, is now back at the Newman Gym in San Francisco. With his sidekick, Danny RODRIGUEZ, he is again involved with fighters after a long-layoff.

Nice to hear that JIMMY O'GATTY is back on his feet after a severe illness. JIMMY, one of three brothers, had almost taken the light heavy weight crown from JACK DELANEY in Providence, R.I., in 1923, but received a disputed no contest decision. DELANEY K.O.'d the referee, and under the laws at that time, the fight was stopped and the fighters even went through hell to get paid. (I must add that the referee got in front of a DELANEY left hook.) JIMMY fought an exhibition with JESS WILLARD at Madison Square Garden, a TEX RICKARD promotion, in 1923. Among his many opponents JIMMY fought many champions, like CHARLES DE BATES, middles champion of Belgium.

This column receives mail from all over the world and we attempt to answer each and every letter received. Please help by sending a stamped addressed envelope.

CONTENDERS: HEAVYWEIGHTS

(Continued from page 35)

summoned aid. It was no use. Bartley Madden, one of the gamest heavyweights in the history of boxing, died in Emergency Hospital. He was thirty-nine years old.

At least three other heavyweights who flourished around 1925 were thought to be of championship calibre. They were: Jack Sharkey of Boston, who eventually won the title, Johnny Risko of Cleveland, who will be dealt with in the next installment, and Bud Gorman of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Gorman's real name was Earl Lovejoy, and, like Tunney, he had started fighting before World War I. Gorman did not come to prominence until he beat Jack Sharkey on August 17, 1925. For one year, Gorman was a factor in the heavyweight division. Then, on December 20, 1926, Jack Delaney knocked him out in two rounds in Jersey City. Bud Gorman never won another major fight. He quit the ring after Primo Carnera knocked him out in the first round on June 30, 1931. (A lot of Primo's fights, of course, were suspect.)

Several good fighters made things interesting in the division at this time. None among them posed a real threat to the title, but all were looked upon as "promising" at one time or another.

YOUNG BOB FITZSIMMONS

This was not essentially a ring name, for Young Bob Fitzsimmons, also known as Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr., was, indeed, the son of the former middle, heavy, and light heavyweight champion.

Young Bob was born in Houston, Texas on November 26, 1896. When he was just a youngster, "Ruby Robert," as they called his dad, tied gloves to Young Bob's fists and taught him the rudiments of boxing. The champion was proud of his son, and Bob, Jr. looked as though he might become a champion. Strangely, he did not make his professional debut until two years after his father died of pneumonia on October 22, 1917. Thus, Young Bob was twenty-three when he first joined the "punch-for-pay" ranks on November 13, 1919, knocking out Ed Kinley in the fifth round in Newark, N.J.

Bob, Jr. had a stiff straight left hand jab, and was a clever boxer, but he lacked the punching power that had made his father the great fighter that he was. He was game and worked hard, in the gym and in the ring, but fell just short of being a real contender for the heavyweight title. He fought seventy bouts, losing only thirteen, all against top competition. He was never knocked out.

Young Bob Fitzsimmons quit the ring in 1931 and, with his wife, retired to a home in the hills, on the outskirts of Greenwood Lake, a famous summer resort. He may not have been the all-time great his dad was, but he wasn't a bad fighter, either.

HARRY PERSSON

Persson was as well known for the tattoos on his chest and arms as he was for his right hand and his ability to take it. Born in Jarva, Sweden on September 24, 1898, Persson started boxing as an amateur when he was twenty-one, having served for three years in the Swedish army. Harry turned professional in 1923, and, after twenty-three fights in Europe, including knockouts of Larry Gains and Phil Scott, he was brought to the United States in 1926 and tossed against Johnny Risko. Persson won that fight on points and then went on to beat Carl Carter and Jack Adams before losing three straight bouts, to Bud Gorman on a foul, Jack McCarthy, and Jimmy Maloney. He went back to Sweden in 1927 and knocked out Gorman in the fourth round of a return bout in Stockholm on September 17 of that year, but retired from the ring in 1928. Persson said the reason for his decision was his inability to find suitable sparring partners in Sweden.

KING SOLOMON

Emilio "King" Solomon was born in Boston on March 25, 1902, but grew up in the Panama Canal Zone, where he played semi-professional baseball before taking to the ring in 1921. His first fight in the States was held in Cleveland on May 20, 1925, a ten-round no-decision bout with Mike Wallace. Solomon shot to fame as a result of his defeat of Ad Stone in New York on June 23 of that year, the first loss of Stone's career. "King" Solomon was advertised as Jewish, but he may have been of Syrian descent. He never made it to the point of being a legitimate contender, losing to Jack Sharkey and Maloney two times each. Paul Berlenbach knocked him out in the ninth round on October 12, 1925 and Mike McTigue stopped Solomon in the eleventh round on August 31, 1926. "King" lost twelve of his next thirteen fights and quit the ring in 1930.

Addenda to the last installment: Floyd Johnson's knockout of Quinton Romero Rojas came at 1:47 of the seventh round, not after the round had ended. Romero regained his feet after referee Lou Magnolia's arm dropped with the final swing of the ten-second count, and started to resume hostilities. Knockdown timer Andy Griffin said that Rojas had been counted out, and the mad clanging of the bell notified Magnolia and Romero that the bout was over. Many in the crowd, however, mistook the ringing of the bell for the ending of the round and thought that Rojas had been saved from a knockout. He had not been.

Romero Rojas arrived in the United States on board the *Teno*, April 4, 1924. His stated record at that time included seventeen fights, of which he had won fourteen, all by knockouts, drawn two, and lost one, a kayo at the hands of Chile's Gunboat Smith (not to be confused with the American Edw. J. (Gunboat) Smith.) Romero had avenged this loss, knocking out Smith. Kayos over Larry Gains, Henri Eluere, and Marcel Nilles accounted for his last three fights before he came to the United States. All three bouts were held in Paris.

The next installment in this series will deal with top heavyweight contenders during Tunney's reign as champion.

COLBERT OVER WILLS IN 10

By KELLY NICHOLSAN

Portland, Ore. — A crowd of 1,600 enjoyed another of promoter Ron Ail's rousing Expo Center shows, which featured the successful comeback of Portland's Mike Colbert in a well-paired ten-round finale. At 163, Colbert upped his mark to 20-1 with a split decision over tough journeyman Clifford Wills of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The card opened when Gresham's Allan Webb, 150½, scored a unanimous decision over free-swinging Eugene White of Seattle. Now 2-0, Allan sustained an eye gash against White, 149, in the midst of a hotly waged six-rounder.

Portland's Steve Moyer, 157, made it two shutouts in a row for the Milt Guptill stable with a stylish six round nod over Joe Rodriguez, 152½, of Los Angeles. Steve is 6-0-2.

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By JACK A. TREE

European Jr. Middles Look To Mattioli, Gazo

BERLIN—Maurice Hope, Great Britain, Ayub Kalule, Uganda, based in Denmark, and Eckhard Dagge and Frank Wissenbach, Germany, are all keeping in shape awaiting their chance to face WBC junior middleweight champion Rocky Mattioli or Eddie Gazo, who wears the WBA crown. Both appear to be playing the game hard to get. Mattioli recently made a voluntary defense against Elisha Obed in Australia, winning inside the distance.

In London, Maurice Hope beat American Melvin Dennis, but his performance was disappointing. In Berlin, Eckhard Dagge ko'd Ronnie Pinder, Bahamas, in five rounds but until then he had been made to look rather green by the moderate performer. Ayub Kalule scored his eighteenth win in Denmark, giving ex-American policeman Johnny Baldwin a thirty-minute advanced course in boxing. In Berlin, Frank Wissenbach, official challenger for Maurice Hope's European title, outscored American Danny Snyder over eight rounds.

All four of these guys in Europe are worthy challengers, although perhaps Frank Wissenbach, at twenty should wait a while and secure the European title first. His first shot at the Britain's title in May last year came too soon and, consequently, he was outclassed and outpointed. Since then, Wissenbach has come on a ton and is still in with a chance against the tough Britain, who, it seems, is trying to shelve the German for a direct shot at the world crown held by Mattioli. Eckhard Dagge, of course, held the WBC crown until he was dethroned by Rocky Mattioli last August. He has had two fights since, then halting Jimmy Savage and Ronnie Pinder.

Pinder, who has fought both Dagge and Kalule told me recently that Dagge is the harder puncher of the two. Dan Snyder, who was outpointed by Frank Wissenbach, considers the German to be a potential world champion if he could come up with the real K.O. punch which, at present, he lacks.

Viewing the world ratings, you find two champions in nearly every division. The WBA and WBC are as different as chalk and cheese with both making there own rules to fit suit. At present we have only one European champion in Europe in each division and one ruling body, the EBU. But now we have a country, Germany, with two ruling bodies governing about forty active boxers. We are now in the fourth month of the year and only four promotions have survived this farcical situation. Champions licensed with the VdF (Verbandes der Faustkampfer) find their crowns declared vacant by the opposition BDB (*Bundes Deutscher Berufsboxer*). Then, once the BDB pair off two fighters to box for the crown, the VdF take court action to prevent the bout taking place. At light heavyweight, at present, Karl Heinz Klein is the BDB champion and Leo Kakolewicz reigns in the eyes of the VdF. It's a situation that will eventually destroy what little is left of the sport in this country. A pity when we remember Max Schmeling, who won the world title in 1930, and a country that has since provided at least thirty-two European champions.

At the Evangelista—Aird European heavyweight title fight in March patrons paid their respects to Juan Jesus Rubio Melero by standing for a minute in silence in the Leon Venue. Melero, a stable companion of Evangelista, died after his fight with Francisco Rodriguez. At a Berlin meeting recently, there was also a minute's silence for promoter Christian Schaath (78) who died on April 1st. Schaath brought over Archie Moore to meet German Hans Kabfell at the Dubois arena in Essen on May day, 1957. Schaath was responsible for nearly four hundred promotions in Germany.

Ex-European flyweight champion Fritz Chervet, Switzerland, has retired. Chervet held the European crown in 1972 and 1973.

All three officials at Leon made Evangelista the winner over Aird of Great Britain. Referee Robert Desgain, Belgium, scored it 147—145 and judges Knud Jensen, Denmark 149—145 and Angelo Poletti, Italy, 148—143.

It was nice to see Jorg Eipel at ringside at a recent Berlin meeting. Jorg, who lost his European welterweight title to Frenchman Alain Marion at Creil, on December 17th last, was unconscious for over twenty-odd days after the bout. Promoter Willi Zeller, at his recent Berlin fixture took every precaution. Three doctors were at ringside in case a fighter was seriously hurt. Tiger Quaye, with a suspected broken rib, was the only casualty. Still, its better to be prepared rather than to regret later. A lesson must be learnt from Jorg Eipel whose recovery is a miracle and poor Rubio Melero, who died.

Three Spanish boxers are out of action. European heavyweight champion, Alfredo Evangelista hurt his leg playing football. Ex-European champion Perico Fernandez and European featherweight champion Roberto Castanon were both injured in car accidents.

Now in touch with Paul Kennet based in Paris and the flow of news and fight results are of better value than of late. Reigning heavyweight champion Christian Poncelet who has not made a defense for seven years, is to stake his title against challenger Lucien Rodriguez.

Promoters and managers who are not in touch with me can still do so. Let me know what is going on. Results and news should reach me by the first day of the month, at Streitstrasse 55, I BERLIN 20, Germany. Photographs of your boxers are also needed for publication. Give your boxers a break and let readers know what is going on in your stable.

NORWAY

▲**OSLO**—Britain Clinton McKenzie, a southpaw, decisioned American Mike Everett, over ten rounds. Everett, who recently ko'd ex-European champion Jorgen Hansen, took a mandatory count of eight from a left hook in round eight. Bjorn Rudi beat Britain Sid Falconer, who retired with a cut eye in round six. Ugandan Sabuya Victor beat Britain Chris Glover, who took a bow with a cut eye in round two. Harald Skog outscored Victor Attivor over eight rounds.

FRANCE

▲**Cannes**—Welterweights. Jacques van Mellaerts outscored Nicola Sassanelli, ten.
▲**Dunkirk**—Welterweights. Jo Kimpuani decisioned Joey Mack, ten. Daniel M'Putu outscored Jim Montague, eight.
▲**Paris**—Light heavyweights. Sylvain Watbled kayoed Rab Affleck, one.
▲**Compiegne**—Robert Amory held on to his French light heavyweight title, knocking out Gerald Bois, twelve.
▲**St Malo**—Welterweight. Claude Martin ko'd Walter Guernieri, three.
▲**St. Quen**—Bantamweights. Guy Caudron tko'd Christian Martin, nine.
▲**Compeigne**—Middleweight. Eric Kopec tko'd Francis Vermandere, six.
▲**Paris**—Junior middleweights. Gilbert Cohen stopped Paul Shutt, seven. Junior welterweights. Robert Gambini stopped Hogan Jimoh, two. Welterweights. Antoine Capuano outscored Mohamed Mechlia, six.
▲**Boulogne**—Lightweights. Alain Le Fol outscored Mario Oliveira, eight. Rene Martin won the French junior lightweight title, stopping champion Roland Cazeaux, nine.
▲**Grenoble**—Featherweights. Maurice Aplang outscored Bingo, ten.
▲**Grand Synthe**—French-based Jo Kimpuani outscored Britain Achille Speedy Mitchell, over ten rounds, but not without a battle. Mitchell was brilliant in the opening rounds but was hard pushed in the final two heats, taking a couple of standing

counts. Dan M'Puu, France, outscored Britain Kevin Davies, over eight rounds. Davies came back for more after taking four counts. In an all French match, Fred Coranson decisioned Georges Warusfel in a ten-round final eliminator for the French welterweight crown.

▲**Ivry**—Claude Lormeau retained his French junior welter title, beating Jean Saadli who retired in the ninth. From the fourth, Saadli was handicapped by a broken rib, which was painful, and, finally, his lead on points was wiped out by Lormeau. In the seventh, Saadli took a standing count of eight and was saved by the bell in round eight. When the bell sounded for the ninth, Saadli told the third man that he did not wish to continue. Georges Cotin is the new French junior lightweight champion, beating Rene Maryin in eight rounds. Martin made a good start, but slowed down by the fifth, allowing Colin to get on top. Martin's right eyebrow was cut in round five and his left was lacerated in the seventh. Martin was in real trouble, but Cotin could not bring the fight to a close. In frame eight, the third man inspected Martin's cuts and sent him back to his corner. Welterweights. Gilles Elbilia beat Dragan Tadic, who was disqualified for butting in round four. Tadics, crying his eyes out, appealed to the third man, who stood by his decision.

ITALY

▲**Lugo**—Heavyweights. Danie le Laghi tko'd Tony Oudina, two.

▲**Piedimonte**—Welterweights. Guiseppe Corbo outscored Jose L. Riberio, eight.

▲**Montecchio**—Dante Cane won the heavyweight championship of Italy, halting Renzo Trevisan, three.

▲**Caoliziocorte**—Lightweights. Nunziato Sanna outpointed Gregorio Cianeaglione, eight.

▲**Padua**—Light heavyweights. Giancarlo Mezzadra outscored Antonio Salatino, six.

▲**Maddaloni**—Lightweights. Pellegrino Ventrone outscored Emilano De Souza, eight.

▲**Bologna**—Welterweights. Antonio Casamonica kayoed Antonio Scocchino, one. Lightweights. Lucio Cusma knocked out Rocco Frisi, two. Ciro Sta decisioned Nicola Sassanelli, eight.

▲**Pistoia**—Marco Gallo Stopped Domenico Condello, four.

▲**Milan**—Germano Valsecchi stopped Trento Faccıocchi, three. Heavyweights. Romeo Malgarini kayoed Fausto Constantino, two. Welterweights. Luciano Navarro decisioned Guiseppe Corbo, eight.

▲**Rimini**—Heavyweights. Alfio Righetti outpointed Tony Moore, ten. Welterweights. Mario Guilloti decisioned Joey Mack, eight. Lightweights. Angelo Provenzano outscored Emiliano De Souza, six. Featherweights. Angelo De Mita beat Vincenzo Morara, TKO5.

▲**Frescia**—European junior lightweight champion Natale Vezzoli, Italy, held on to his crown outscoring fellow countryman Elio Cotena (32) over fifteen rounds. It was a grand battle and, in the tenth, Cotena was hurt by some good left hooks.

▲**Bologna**—Welterweights. Venturi and Seta drew their eight-rounder. Middleweights. Marino Pagani halted Andrej Vestan, two. Welterweights. Ben Said decisioned Angelo Fenu, six.

▲**Rome**—Middleweights. Nicola Cirelli knocked out Mariano Solomone, two. Welterweights. Pietro Callara decisioned Zdrago Jonicic, six.

▲**Rome**—Welterweights. Luigi Martello outscored Augusto Lauri, eight.

▲**Milan**—Junior middleweights. Luigi Minchillo stopped Jack Perarie, four. Junior Lights. Renzo Battistella outscored Ciaramella, six. Middleweights. Giiuseppe Borghi outpointed Salvatore Russo, six.

▲**Modena**—Lightweights. Domenico Traini outpointed Gregorio Ciancaglione, six. Junior middleweights. Vincenzo De Camillis and Ernesto Ros drew their six rounder.

▲**Brindisi**—Lightweights. Cosimo Lavino outscored Carlo Frassinetti, eight.

SPAIN

▲**Melilla**—Lightweights. Abdelkader Esmain outscored Cabello, eight.

▲**Leon**—European featherweight champion Roberto Castanon outscored Georges Cotin in a non-title ten rounder. Bantams. Vicente Rodriguez decisioned Angel Oliver, eight. Junior middles. Juan Rubio Merlo halted Manuel Rico, two. Junior welterweights. Jose Luis Fernandez outscored Jose M. Domingo, eight.

▲**Gibon**—Junior welterweights. Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz knocked out Joa Carlos, four. Featherweights. Gitano Jimenez decisioned Adolfo Osses, eight.

▲**Melilla**—Abdelkader Esmain and Garcia Del Moral Tanio drew their eight rounder.

▲**Madrid**—Heavyweights. Tony Moore drew his eight-rounder with Avenamar Peralta. Lightweights. Pedro Nino Jimenez decisioned Hugo Carrizo, eight. Middleweights. Francis Rodriguez kayoed Juan Btuhio Melero, seven.

▲**Logrono**—Junior middleweights. Dum Dum Pacheco and Antonio Casado, drew their eight-rounder.

▲**Irun**—Bantamweights. Manuel Carrasco decidioned Pedro Molledo, eight.

▲**Dviedo**—Bantamweights. Juan F. Rodriguez stopped Daniel Rodriguez Figuero, five. Vincente Rodriguez decisioned Garcia Herrera Kiko, eight.

▲**Leon**—Featherweights. Roberto Castanon halted Gerhard Jacob, four.

▲**Sarria**—Welterweights. Raul Anon and Manuel Acedo drew, eight. Bantamweights. Garcia Herrara Kiko stopped Jaime Rodriguez, five. Junior middleweights. Primitiov Medina outpointed Jose Silia, eight.

▲**Miranda De Ebro**—Welterweights. Fernandez Sanchez outscored Angel Carmona, eight. Lightweights. Rodolfo Sanchez stopped Gualberto, five. Juan Barros outscored Serafin Dos Anjos, eight.

DENMARK

▲**Vejle**—Junior middleweights. Ugandan Ayub Kalule, based in Denmark, brought his score to eighteen wins with no defeats, winning every heat of his ten-rounder against Johnny Baldwin of America. Baldwin, like Kalule a southpaw, was cut over the left eye in round nine. The American had won theirty-eight of his fourty-one starts. Light heavyweights. Ugandan Mustapha Wasajja, also living in Denmark, outscored Ernie Barr of the Bahamas over eight rounds. Junior welterweights. Ugandan Mustapha Wasajja, also living in Denmark, outscored Ernie Barr of the Bahamas over eight rounds. Junior welterweights. Hans Henrik Palm, Denmark, stopped Welshman Martyn Galleozzie at 1.45 of round one. A left hook to the chin closed the fight. Dane Flemming Jensen outscored John Depledge over six rounds. Flemming was decked in the opening round from a right hook to the chin. Middleweights. Per Mullertz, Denmark, outscored Britain Charlie Cooper, over six.

GERMANY

▲**Kiel**—Light heavyweights. Louis Pergaud, Cameroons, based in Germany, gate crashed the ratings with a TKO8 win over Lonnie Bennett. Light heavyweights. Karl Heinz Klein won the BDB crown, tko'ing beating Karsten Honhold, three. Middleweights. Wolfgang Gans, Germany, outscored Branko Barakovic, Yugoslavia, six. Heavies. Gregory Downes, Barbados, stopped Horst Lang, Germany, two. Junior middleweights. Erwin Heiber outpointed fellow German Alfred Fries, six.

▲**Uetersen**—A newspaper strike restricted the publicity for promoter Ivar Buterfas, but five-hundred still turned up. Junior welterweights. Lothar Abend (34) outscored Rudi Vogel, Switzerland, six rounds, and then announced his retirement from the ring. Junior welterweights. Peter Bio outscored fellow German Dieter Schanz over four rounds. German Jurgen Gries, middleweight, ko'd Turk Kemel Kornnazcan in round two. Heavyweights. Gregory Downes, Barbados, based in Berlin, drew his six-rounder with Kilani Romdani, Tunis. Junior middleweights. Alfred Fries outscored fellow countryman Josef Kossmanns, six.

▲**Berlin**—At middleweight Eckhard Dagge, Germany, ko'd Ronnie Pinder, Bahamas, in round five after lagging behind on points. A right hook to the solar plexus doubled up Pinder in his own corner and the third man counted him out. Dagge, a noted slow starter, finally got on top in the fifth. Dagge is keeping busy, hoping to get a return with WBC champion Rocky Mattioli, who took his crown in August last. In a middleweight bout, German southpaw Frank Wissenbach, keeping in trim for his European title bout with Britain Maurice Hope, outscored American Dan Snyder over eight rounds. Snyder (24), a very defensive boxer, wasted no punches and when he threw one, it connected. The American told me afterwards that Wissenbach could collect a world title if he packed a punch. Unfortunately, he doesn't. In a light heavyweight bout over six rounds between a couple of locally based Turks, Agamli Yildirim outscored Vedat Akova. In a junior middleweight bout, southpaw Tiger Quaye, Ghana, met Marijan Benes of Yugoslavia. A couple of months ago, Quaye ruined Benes' chance of a European title fight with Frenchman Alain Marion by kayoing him in three rounds. The return was a different story, with Quaye being ko'd after taking three counts. In a light heavyweight contest, Tony Moore, Jamaica, substituting for Ngozika Ekwelum on short notice, drew with German Bernd August over eight rounds. The fight was farily close but it was by no means a home town decision to save the German's face. The officials were in a generous mood, for, in this bout, August had a little to spare. At most meetings, there is usually one bout which has the paying public trying to relieve their bordom by slow hand clapping. But at this show, where the three-thousand were served up with over a couple of hundred litres of beer and half as many boiled pig's legs, the patrons were so interested in the fights that they found their beer getting warm and the pig's leg getting cold. Every fight had something and there was never a dull moment. The promoters, Willi Zeller—Eckhard Dagge, have struck oil. They usually rent the larger venues for their shows but now find it is better to have a smaller hall filled to capacity than a three-thousand crowd lost in a ten thousand seater venue. What's more, they are saving money.

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1. Lorenz Zanon (I)
2. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
3. Alfio Righetti (I)
4. Dante Cane (I)
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6. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
7. Kurt Ludecke (G)
8. Bernd August (G)
9. Vincenzo Pespane (I)
10. Felipe Rodriguez (S)

Light Heavies
* Aldo Traversaro (I)
1. Mate Parlov (Yugo)
2. Rudi Koopmans (H)
3. Francois Fiol (S)
4. Robert Armory (F)
5. Emilio Cometti (I)
6. Sylvain Watbled (F)
7. Onelio Grando (I)
8. Christano Cavina (I)
9. Freddy DeKerpel (B)
10. Gerald Bois (F)

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2. Norbert Cabrera (I)
3. Fernando Valsecchi (I)
4. Angelo Jaccopucci (I)
5. Frank Reiche (G)
6. Mario Romersi (I)
7. Robert Benaquista (I)
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9. Ellio Bettinzoli (I)
10. Matti Salvemini (I)

Junior Middles
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2. Frank Wissenbach (G)
3. Bruno Arcari (I)
4. Jose Duran (S)
5. Joel Bonnetaz (F)
6. Gilbert Cohen (F)
7. Claude Martin (F)
8. Tony Ortiz (S)
9. Josef Pachler (A)
10. Marijan Benes (Yugo)

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* Alain Marion (F)
1. Alois Carmeliet (B)
2. Horacio Ruiz (S)
3. Jorgen Hansen (D)
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5. Louis Acaries (F)
6. Giovanni Moleslini (I)
7. Jose Gomez Fouz (S)
8. Marco Scano (I)
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Junior Middles
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2. Fernandez Sanchez (S)
3. Giovanni Martinese (I)
4. Erkki Meronen (Fin)
5. Jean Saadli (F)
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7. Hans Hendrik Palm (D)
8. Bruno Freshi (I)
9. Efisio Pinna (I)
10. Claude Lormeau (F)

Lightweights
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1. Perico Fernandez (S)
2. Antonio Ginaldo (S)
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4. Antonio Puddu (I)
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6. Vincenzo Quero (I)
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8. Manuel Velasquez (S)
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LOPEZ: UNCROWNED CHAMP?

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Jack Cruz's feelings were a little bit more heated. "We were treated like second class citizens at the Conteh match. Nobody met us at the airport. We were in a strange land, didn't know the customs or language. No hotel reservations were made, so we had to look for our own hotel. The food was way below standard. Conteh's people didn't even show us where the gym was. Sparring partners were supposed to be furnished but none were. Lopez was dead on his feet the night of the fight. Conteh did not fight the real Lopez that night. After the fight I thought Lopez would get no less than a draw. I thought he should have gotten the decision over John Conteh."

Benny Casing said, "Well . . . he could have done a lot better. I felt we fought too soon, Yaqui wasn't used to the food and the time change. It was just a bad night, he couldn't get off. It was a close fight but he lost it."

Many boxers only get one chance at a title shot but Yaqui got another chance eleven months later when he met Victor Galindez in Rome on September 17, 1977. Again Yaqui went the full distance. Again Yaqui made the defending champ work to hold on to the title. It was a fight that many felt Yaqui had won. When asked how he felt about that fight Yaqui said. "Well I have a lot of feelings because I think I won that fight. Victor Galindez punched me below the belt several times, a lot of rabbit punches, everything. The ref just said, "Keep going, and Victor Galindez kept doing so. What the heck! I was very disappointed. It's very frustrating to do your best and get beaten by sloppy referees. I'm glad the fight was on television because everybody saw what happened."

Dagampat said "We had Lopez ahead by one point at the end. We counted at least eight low blows, numerous rabbit punches behind the head which are all illegal. The ref should have stopped the fight and given points to Lopez and deducted points from Galindez. He didn't do this, but in spite of this, we still had Lopez ahead by one point."

Casing agreed. "Lopez was perfect. He did everything right that night. I thought he won the fight. At the end of the fifteenth round I told him 'You won the fight, Lopez.' But they raised Victor Galindez's hand instead. We had rehearsed for Lopez to finish strong. In this fight, he got weak because of the fouls. The fouls took everything out of Yaqui. In spite of slowing down in the later rounds, I still felt he outboxed Galindez."

Yaqui also said. "So far I've gone thirty rounds in two championship fights and I want another chance. I know I can do it. The next time I'll have more confidence in myself because I know what I can do. In time, we'll see if I get another chance. We really don't know when that will happen. A year . . . maybe two . . . maybe months . . . maybe never. In the meantime I run five miles a day, chop wood, and play basketball and racquet ball.

Cruz said "Yaqui's best asset is his speed and left jab. He's a light heavyweight who fights like a lightweight. Dagampat is working on Yaqui's left arm everyday for two hours 'til Yaqui is near exhaustion. We want him to have a strong left jab."

When asked about his rising fame in boxing, Yaqui replied. "It makes me feel good, but I'm still the same. The fame is nothing, you know. When you finish boxing, that's it. The fame will go too. I do get letters from Germany, France, Norway, and different parts of the States. They want my picture and autograph. We just got one from a little boy in Sweden. They all make me feel good. One magazine from Argentina sent someone to interview me. They all make me feel good but I'm still the same. I'm not really very happy yet because I have to go the top. I want to make it if I get another chance."

Asked if he ever dreamed he would get this far, Yaqui said. "Oh no, never. It all seems like a dream now. When I was young I remembered the good Mexican boxers like Joe Medel, Raton Macias, and Ricardo Moreno. Good fighters I liked to watch, but I never met them. I can't explain it . . . but when you're a little boy you think 'Oh, I'd like to be like that boxer.' I like to talk to the little boys and tell them to do good. I think boxing is good for them, keeps them from running around with bad company. In my mind, when I was young in Mexico, I wanted to be a bullfighter. When I was eleven years old a bull gored my leg from mid-calf to ankle and broke my right leg. My mother didn't like me to think about bullfighting. I did it about three or four times. Boxing is more rough than bullfighting. You have to stay in better shape. It's a rough life.

When asked about his life Yaqui said. "I was born in Zacatecas, Mexico on May 21, 1951 and came to the United States when I was fourteen years old. I found life here very difficult because I couldn't speak English. I had to work in the fields a lot so it was very hard. I didn't have a chance to go to school because my English was bad. A few years later, I met my wife and I got into boxing because of her father, Jack Cruz. I like to work out to music. I like rock and roll, Los Moonlights, the oldies and Jose Feliciano's 'Hard Times In The Barrio.' I firmly believe in God."

Yaqui was asked explain what he felt was his first big win and his most discouraging moment. "That was when I won the North West Pacific Championship in '74. That was my first big win. I beat the number five contender in the world. Everybody was surprised I won. It was an upset. My most discouraging time came when I lost to Jesse Burnett. I was very down but with time I say to myself 'Well I want to make it. I have to make it. Then I got back to steady work outs. Boxing is my life. I'm inspired to keep going by my wife and I'd just like a chance to make some big money and keep working hard."

The Lopezs are proud parents of a seven month-old son who they have named Yaqui. Asked if they would encourage their son to go into boxing, Lopez replied, "It all depends on him. If he likes it, it's better than hanging out and getting into trouble. I wouldn't mind it if he likes it. There's only one thing—if my little boy wants to go into boxing he'll go all the way or he better not do anything. If he goes the lazy way, he'll get hurt. You have to work hard, if not, it's better to go into something else."

Cruz says, "I feel Yaqui is just beginning to reach his peak as a boxer. Yaqui deserves another shot at the world title and he's going to get it. A lot of true boxing fans know Yaqui is the uncrowned champ.

Many feel Yaqui is lucky to get two title shots in one year but Casing said, "He earned both title shots. This boy is a hard worker. He's worked hard for everything he's ever gotten. I feel he's destined to be a champion. Yaqui is a fine, humble man, a family man. You just couldn't meet a finer guy than Yaqui."

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PUERTO RICAN GREATS

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Ortiz' luck faded out, as did his skills. He kicked around the circuit until 1972. He never got another title fight.

But his place at the top had been undeniable.

The third slot belongs to Jose Torres, who never got a chance to be middleweight champion but wound up being light heavyweight champion.

The first didn't occur because Cus D'Amato, his manager, at the time was too busy with Floyd Patterson, his heavyweight champion. Jose's reign as a light-heavyweight was relatively short. The honeymoon was over with Floyd and poor Cus. There was no bankroll left to keep Torres going, he became discouraged.

Undeniably Jose would have compiled a greater record as a middleweight than a 175-pounder. He was an exceptional middleweight, fast and frequent. And he carried the entire barrio with him.

Not that Torres ever lost his grip on the public for charisma. Through his contacts with writer Norman Mailer, he retained an "in" as a literate fighter. But, at 175 pounds he had to deal with the late Dick Tiger. And that was a horse of a different color.

An old-timer who cuts across the lines of time, Pedro Montanez deserves No. 4. He surged to the top in 1931 in Puerto Rico as the colorful lightweight managed by the colorful late manager, Lew Burston, who later handled Tiger.

Pedro lasted close to ten years—and he is reputed to have never been in a dull fight. His technique was simple. He planted his feet firmly and moved straight to the target, digging to the body endlessly. His triumphs in the old Garden were legion, but it was there that he was clobbered out by Henry (Three Crown) Armstrong for the welterweight championship.

Jose Basora, a rangy, long-armed fighter, often forgotten as a Puerto Rican standard bearer, is this writer's choice for No. 5. I remember him as a stiff left hooker in the 1940s and a slightly awkward stylist. He was durable and best remembered for an outstanding performance in his time. What performance?

Well, in 1945 when Sugar Ray Robinson was at his peak—he had beaten Jake LaMotta twice that year—he met Basora in a ten-round bout in Philadelphia. Jose rose to the occasion and he was accorded a good draw.

No. 6 is a modern who has profited by the multiplicity of titles which have been created by the WBC and WBA—Esteban DeJesus of the lightweights. Esteban got WBC recognition because he had been such a pain in the neck to Roberto Duran, the official champion. He has one non-title decision over Duran. He is a steady, strong boxer with a punch.

No. 7 belongs to a champion, Samuel Serrano, WBA junior lightweight boss, who has reached his position with steady campaigning in a busy league.

No. 8, Wilfredo Benitez, probably would have been perhaps two notches higher had this ranking been made a year ago. But Benitez lost caste after winning the junior welterweight title, at 17 no less.

Then at No. 9 I place Wilfredo Gomez, a hard-hitting bantamweight of the current era.

And, as my conception for No. 10, Alfredo Escalera holds supremacy over his contemporaries. He was junior lightweight champion, WBC, and is a bold, sneaky puncher. He unfortunately is remembered as the recipient of a frightful decision over Tyrone Everett at Philadelphia. A short while later Everett eas shot to death by a girl friend. But Escalera rates.

The highest accolade to a Puerto Rican fighter is that given to a native by an acknowledged expert, Victor Calderon, sports editor of *El Diario*. He recalls Jose Lago as the first winner of an island title, who went on to win class honors as a flyweight, bantamweight and featherweight.

Lago must have been good. But I'm sorry. I can't rate him. He'll just have to float in memory as a great one. But the million Puerto Ricans some day will develop a super-fighter. You can bet on that. Nobody loves a good fighter as they do. And do they forget a hero? Ask Carlos Ortiz, who has been basking in the sunshine of their smiles—and will do so forever.

WORLD RATINGS

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two to six. Everyone else drops one spot due to the adding of Curry to the top ten. Hector Thompson drops out, losing to Dan Guzman.

Arturo Pitalua, Colombia, moves up from the number four spot in the junior lights to six in the lights, with his victory over Saldivar. Vicente falls from five to eight. Viruet winning over Marquez, moves into five, from six, Josue dropping out making room for Pitalua.

Frank Baltazar's victory over Shig Fukuyama, moves him from six to four. Leon, Matthews and Alcala are moving up a spot due to Pitalua moving out to the lightweight class. Add Italy's Natlio Vezzoli in number nine, for beating Elio Cotena for the EBU title.

Eusebio Pedroza, Panama, the new WBA featherweight king, comes out of our bantam rankings to move into the second spot in the featherweight division. Castillo, inactive, falls from two to five; Lastra, losing to Pedroza dropping from three to four, Kotey loser last time out, falls from four to eight. Rozello moves from five to three. He's one for this year. Soo Hong Hwan is dropping from six to seven, inactive; O'Grady climbing from eight to six with a win over Anaya, Ayala falls from seven to nine.

Lupe Pintor, Mexico beaten by Leo Cruz, drops from 4 to 7 in the bantams. Jose Miranda, Panama, winning over Mario Castro Lopez replaces Pedroza among the bantams in the 9th.

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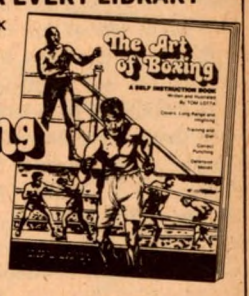

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GASPAR ORTEGA

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He's been married to his wife, Ida, for 21 years, a native of Puerto Rico who manages a branch bank in New Haven. They have four children ranging in age from 16 to 20—three sons and a daughter, who is the youngest. Two sons attend University of New Haven, the other is at Eli Whitney Technical High, and the daughter is a student at Sacred Heart Academy.

Gaspar's real surname is Benitez but he went under Ortega, his mother's maiden name, to conceal his early boxing from that disapproving parent and has clung to it.

He was able to keep his fighting a secret from his mother until well along in his career. With a grin, he recalls: "When I was an amateur, I would fight early on a card, then rush home so my mother wouldn't suspect. Of course, I had to be careful not to get hurt in a way that would show."

One of ten children in a family that moved to Tiajuana when he was a year old, Gaspar quit school early to help out. He was a shoeshine boy, a newspaper vendor, he picked cotton, and worked in a shoe factory along with being a boxer.

Gaspar started as a flyweight and went up the scale as a fighter to become a welterweight who fought middleweights. He won the Baja, California (Mexico) flyweight title as an amateur and turned pro after 14 fights. A lightweight by then, he had an 18-0 record when, discouraged by scanty pro purses, he took advantage of an offer from Nick Corby, a San Diego manager, and went to New York in 1954 to pursue his career. Corby managed him from then on, with Jim Stinson of New York as an associate.

Today, without denouncing his handlers, Gaspar openly says that he feels he did not get as much out of his ring earnings as he should have gotten. His was a distinguished career of 176 pro bouts, of which he won 131, including 69 by knockout, lost 37 decisions, fought two draws, and was stopped twice—once in twelve rounds while attempting to lift Griffith's welter crown in a scheduled 15-rounder at Los Angeles on June 3, 1961, and again in seven rounds by Sandro Mazzinghi in Rome on November 6, 1964.

Of the abortive championship bid, Ortega says: "It came too late in my career, when I was past my prime. And I wanted that title so much that I think I overtrained and 'left my fight' in the gym.

"Anyway, I couldn't keep up the pace after holding my own up until the sixth, I got knocked down in that round and that started me downhill. I was really hurt by a right cross to the chin, so bad that I lost count of the rounds after that and just fought on instinct.

"It became a one-way fight. I was exhausted, had nothing left, and was getting hurt, when the referee did the right thing and stopped the bout in the twelfth."

Gaspar's extensive record is loaded with impressive foes, including, besides Griffith, such other title winners as Tony DeMarco, Kid Gavilan, Carmen Basilio, Benny (Kid) Paret, Don Jordan, and Nino Benvenuti. Like Griffith, Basilio won both the welterweight and middleweight championships. DeMarco and Jordan ruled in the welter class, as did Gavilan and Paret, who also got middleweight title shots. Benvenuti was a two-time middleweight champ.

Besides their 1961 title fight, Ortega lost a close 10-rounder to Griffith at New York in 1960, before Emile became welter boss. DeMarco, who reigned briefly as 147-pound king in 1955, had a 1-2 record against Ortega in a trio of ten rounders at New York and Boston in 1956-57.

Gavilan, who was welter champ from 1951-54, split a pair of decisions with Ortega in 1957, winning in ten at Miami Beach and dropping a twelve rounder at Los Angeles. Basilio was through as a champ when he edged Ortega in a ten rounder at New York in 1961. "If I remember right, Carmen got a split decision," Gaspar says, "but I think I deserved the victory." Later that year, Basilio retired losing a shot at Paul Pender's middleweight title.

Paret went 0-2 in warfare with Ortega, both times by decision in ten rounders. The first occasion was in pre-championship days, at New York on August 7, 1959. In the second case, Gaspar took a non-title match at Los Angeles on February 21, 1961 in what was Paret's first ring outing after a successful welter title defense against Federico Thompson at New York on December 10, 1960.

The ill-fated Cuban died several days later from injuries suffered when he lost his title to Griffith by a twelfth round KO on March 24, 1962, in New York.

In the fall of 1958, Gaspar lost in ten at Portland and in twelve at Long Beach, Calif. to Jordan, the latter bout a crucial one because it decided a challenger for Virgil Akins' welter title. Jordan went on to dethrone Akins about six weeks after the second Ortega match. Today, Gaspar looks upon Jordan's first fight victory as deserved but says "the second bout was real close and could have gone either way."

Gaspar had one duel with Benvenuti, losing to the future two-time middleweight champ on October 18, 1963 in Rome, four years before he won the title for the first time.

Looking back, Ortega calls Griffith "the smartest fighter I ever met" and Florentino Fernandez of Cuba "the hardest puncher." Topnotcher Fernandez won each time in their pair of ten rounders in Miami and New York. "He deserved the first one, with two knockdowns," Gaspar concedes, but argues: "He won the second one on a split decision, but I think it should have gone the other way because I figure I won seven out of ten rounds."

As a fighter, Gaspar was not fancy, but a two-fisted walloper instead, a fact that makes his almost total freedom from telltale marks of punishment remarkable when you consider further that any of his bout "wars"—and many were. Frequent appearances in TV fights bore that out.

He was a hardy warrior who at different times went into a match suffering from a bad leg, bad rib, bad hand, and bad foot. Once, he entered the ring after having eighteen stitches taken to close a cut suffered the night before in a fall in his hotel room.

Gaspar has an interesting, arresting face, one that might set viewers to thinking he'd be well cast as a character actor. A Zapata type moustache heightens the effect, and a swarthy complexion is topped by dark hair, worn long and parted in the middle.

He has a good working knowledge of English, understandably spoken with an accent stemming from his Mexican origin. Remember, the language was completely strange to him when he landed in New York for his transition from Mexico in 1954. He became a citizen in 1966.

Like many a retired fighter, Gaspar has only a slight interest in today's boxing. And exercising an oldtime standout's privilege, he claims the welterweight class competition of his heyday was much tougher than today's.

"I have a dream," he adds. "In it, I imagine myself going back someday to Mexico, finding a young fighter of promise, teaching him all I know, and then guiding him to my native country's first world welterweight title.

"Because that was my ambition when I fought Griffith for the championship."

RODRIGUEZ BEATS ORENGO

By JIM BUSS

ALLENTOWN, PA. — Willie (Fireball) Rodriguez moved another notch up the fistic ladder by scoring a unanimous ten-round decision over veteran Rocky Orengo before a paid crowd of 1,100 in Central Catholic High School's Rockne Hall.

The twenty-three-year-old Allentown lightweight nabbed his fourteenth win in sixteen fights, despite hurting both hands in the third and fourth rounds. After that, he was content to box and jab and go the ten-round limit, rather than risk seriously injuring the hands.

The knuckles on both of Rodriguez's hands were badly swollen following the fight. However, X-rays revealed no fractures. The badly bruised and sprained hands were expected to sideline Rodriguez for some time.

Orengo, from New York and Puerto Rico, provided Rodriguez with one of his toughest battles to date. Rodriguez was seven inches taller and possessed a much longer reach, which forced Orengo to come inside and content himself with hooking to the body.

Orengo, who has entered the ring with no less than six foes who have fought for various titles, never backed off, but constantly found Rodriguez's left hand in his face, along with some right hand leads and an occasional right hand uppercut. But Rodriguez was to remark, "It was like hitting a wall," in reference to the toughness of his opponent.

Despite his hurting hands and the swarming of Orengo, Rodriguez kept his cool and boxed masterfully. And, again, Fireball has stressed that he wants to meet a ranking fighter by the middle of this year, possibly even world champion Roberto Duran. Rodriguez is presently ranked eleventh in the United States by The RING

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ORIENT ACTION

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

MUANGSURIN RETAINS WBC JR. WELTER CROWN

HAT YAI, THAILAND—WBC junior welterweight king Saensak Muangsurin, Thailand, 140, retained his crown with a knockout over Venezuela's Francisco Moreno, 139.

The end came at 2:40 of the thirteenth round, when Muangsurin landed a right hook to put Moreno on the deck for the full count.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—Ex-WBA flyweight titlist Bernabe Villacampo, 34-year old champ of the Philippines, greatly amazed some 2,000 witnesses, as he dropped Shigeo Nakajima time and again, finishing him in 2.23 of the fourth round. Nakajima, ten years his junior, had been a favorite due to his youth and his previous unbeaten record of 8-0-1 with five kayos.

Possibly owing to Villacampo's reported good condition, which had made him drop Japanese sparring partners in succession, Nakajima busily began a firework to avert a mix-up in the close range. The Nipponese hope, who was to meet Mexico's Guty Espadas in the near future, looked sharp in punching and speedy in footwork, taking the first round by a slight margin.

Crouching southpaw Bernabe commenced chasing his opponent with his vaunted body punches. Villacampo proved he still had what he used to compile a 5-1-1 record in Japan during two years since 1967, having lost only a hard-fought decision to the late Masao Ohba and beaten everybody else. Nakajima tried to keep his distance with smashing rights and following lefts, but the lefthander kept boring in to force him against the ropes occasionally. By the end of the second session, Nakajima had suffered a cut at the right eyebrow.

Round three saw Villacamp explode his specialty, a long solid left to the liver, at the bewildered Nakajima, who sat down on the seat of his pants. Barely beating the ref's count at eight, the groggy Nipponese had a very narrow escape. In the next, fatal round, Villacampo battered the loser at the breadbasket, decking the hope three times more with vicious punches. As Nakajima collapsed flat, the third man, Sasaki, awarded a fine kayo triumph to the strong Filipino. Villacampo truly made the ringsiders believe his 9-1-1 record, with nine knockouts, since he had made a comeback in December, 1975, after a four-year layoff. The still youthful Villacampo had gained the national flyweight crown last June.

Piloted by Lope Sarreal, Jr., Villacampo proved to be a worthier opposition against world champs Espadas and Canto than Japan's best prospect Nakajima. Both entered the ring at 114 pounds. The winner is now 32-12-3 with 22 KOs. Semi-windup saw ex-Olympian at the Montreal Games, Hitoshi Ishigaki's successful pro debut. Having won 121 contests with 30 kayos against 18 defeats, Ishigaki looked a bit nervous, but banged out Shinji Taki all the way to score a shutout decision in six heats. All officials tabbed 30-24. They scaled in at 120 pounds. Taller Ishigaki displayed his good fighting spirit, but appeared to be still amateurish enough to fail to finish such a onesided loser. Ishigaki belongs to Yonekura Club.

In the first tenner, JBC No. 4 bantie Seishi Ii, 12-5-2 with 10 KOs, was unable to catch elusive ex-Shinjin-o victor Hiroyuki Iwamoto, who copped an eighth-round TKO with ease. Outjabbed and outlegged thoroughly, the bleeding Ii was halted due to a bad gash over the left eyebrow. Each weighed in at 122 pounds. Iwamoto, 10-3-3 now, will be rated by JBC soon. Having lost in the local Shinjin-o final last December, Hitoshi Ohashi, 122, outpunched Naomi Kuwana, 120½, with his longer reach, winning a decision in six. The expected tune-up go of Nakajima was telecast by TBS-TV from 11:10 p.m.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—Twenty-one year-old top welterweight contender Akio Kameda, 145¾, continued his winning streak to six, all by knockout, as he stopped Lee Kyung-Il, Korea's No. 2 junior middleweight, 149, at 1.20 of the sixth round before 1,700 fans. Without doubt, Lee was the most durable opponent Ako has ever faced. Standing 5-ft 11, Kameda showed his superiority of speed in hand and feet over the flat-footed Kyung-Il. Speedster Kameda whipped the peekaboo stylist in the face, taking the first, second and fourth rounds. Lee only showed his roundhouse swinging of his muscular arms, in round three, though outlegged fast by the side-wheeler.

Kameda suddenly landed a very wicked left early in the sixth canto, Lee crumbled down at a neutral corner. The damage was such that his cornerman, Kim, tossed in a towel, although Lee managed to regain his feet and to go on for awhile. It was Lee's fourth setback against ten wins and two draws. Hard-hitting rookie Kameda, whose rights were sometimes open blows, is scheduled to face Shoji Tsujimoto, who had defended his JBC title twelve times previously, in a few weeks. Despite a card of the puzzling lefties, it will be sensational to examine Kameda's power against the crafty counter-puncher Tsujimoto. In a companion tenner, Ryu Kaionji, 112, was held to a split draw by rugged veteran Susumu Wakabayashi, 113¼, in a hard-fought contest.

Wakabayashi had lost an upset duke to long-reached Masaru Fuji last year to drop to No. 9 of the JBC rating. But the left hooker sent solid jolting blows to the weaving rival occasionally. After Wakabayashi, 13-5-3, dominated the third and fourth rounds, Kaionji badly shook him up with a vicious right to follow up well in the fifth canto. In the latter half, they put on free swinging action continually. JBC officials tabbed as follows: referee Uchida 47-46 (for Kaionji), judges Ugo 48-46 (for Wakabayashi) and Yoshida 47-47. The reporter voted 48-47 for the twenty-four year-old veteran.

In a preliminary six, Tomihisa Kubokura, 111¼, gained a very lopsided win over Shigeru Utsugida, a quarter pound heavier. How many times Tomihisa was the loser on the deck? A better question would be why the third man did not halt the proceedings in such an affair. Judge Uchida scored it 29-20. Another sixer was won by Koji Kai, who outscored Hisao Taira unanimously. They were featherweights at 126.

▲TAKAMATSU CITY—Ex-lightweight boss Masa Ito, thirty-year old JBC No. 7 jabber, scored well with good body shots at Mitsuo Koide, No. 8 guy at 137¼, stopping him in nine lopsided rounds. The winner, scaling at 136 pounds, upped his record to 34-16-4 with nine kayos. Sturdy swinging Koide, a sudden substitute for African Sunny Mason Koga, was always on the defensive, losing three points in the first half.

Masa's volly of punches to the face dropped the loser twice midway in round six. Though Koide harshly dominated the seventh session, his exhaustion was apparent at the final knockdown.

Another ex-champ, Tsuyoshi Okabe, 23 and at 119½, was amazingly knocked out by neglected but hard-hitting Jo Araki, 120, in 153 seconds of the opening round in a scheduled semi-windup tenner. Araki was a 27 year-old veteran, now 25-7-2 (eight by kayo), who had returned to action years ago after a rather long layoff. Araki landed the opening and strongest blow at the heavy favorite to have him down for the mandatory eight. Nailing Okabe against the ropes, Araki sent a barrage of lefts and rights to the groggy man. A very solid body punch was the haymaker.

In a supporting eight, more experienced Hiro Inada, 140, needed only two rounds to deck Hiroshi Nishihara, Araki's stablemate at 139, three times and automatically knock him out.

In a preliminary sixer, Tatsuo Ohara, 135, displayed a one-punch kayo on Daigoro Minami, 133, in the second canto, as the former's explosive right caught the target very finely. Such game-by-game knockouts were witnessed by only 1,000 fans at RNC Land.

▲NAGOYA—Best local hope Takao Maruki, JBC top 130-pounder, three pounds over the limit, registered fourteen wins straight in his domestic showings, as he demolished former lightweight leader Tamio Negishi, from Tokyo at 131¾, in 2.01 of the fourth round at Nagoya Public Hall.

Except a points loss to OPBF champ Hwang Bok-Soo in Korea, Maruki has kept honing his fists to tab a series of victories including a kayo over ex-junior light boss Susumu Okabe. He is a very aggressive boxer-puncher with 22-9-5. In a companion ten, Sueo (Phenix) Taniguchi, 107, survived the busy hands of Yukimitsu Kondo, half a pound heavier, to outscore the latter unanimously.

▲SHUMIZU CITY—JBC No. 7 welterweight Ichiro Izawa had fought for almost ten years, and entered the ring at 138 pounds due to a contract to face a local favorite named Tsutomu Matsuo, 137¼ and No. 9 lightweight. Izawa was unable to show his physical advantage and was kayoed in 1.25 of the fourth round at Suzuyo Memorial Gymnasium.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—Sensational newcomer from Ecuador, hitherto unbeaten Hector Cortez's greater height and reach of seven inches was not advantageous to him, as he was annoyed by the sticky body blows of Japan's feather champ Spider (Shigemitsu) Nemoto, standing at 5-ft 1 only. A majority decision went to the more aggressive Spider. Ref Tezaki and judge Ugo both voted 47-46 for the stout Nipponese, while judge Uchida's ballot was 47-47. The reporter saw it 47-46 for Cortez. Each was at the age of 25 and each weighed 128 pounds.

WBC junior welter champion Saensak Muangsurin has his arm raised in victory. He knocked out Venezuela's Francisco Moreno to retain his crown in Hat Yai, Thailand.

No. 7 feather hombre of WBC, Cortez was reported to have compiled 49 wins (40 by knockout) against only one draw by adding recent wins in Los Angeles. Truly the import was a bit too nervous and over-confident to show a kayo as early as he intended. Cortez hit the air over Nemoto's head very hard for the first two rounds. Though the good stylist closely dominated the third canto, he forgot to use his sharp lefts, missing with wild rights and straining himself. Nemoto commenced his attack from the fourth, taking the round with incessant body punches.

Nemoto, who had registered only seven kayos in twenty-seven previous wins against six defeats and two draws in a seven-year career, kept away from Hector's ballyhooed power punching. The Japanese kept moving to-and-fro, bobbing up-and-down busily. The fifth to the seventh rounds were fought in even terms. In round eight, Cortez gained a two point lead, as he tossed good uppercuts against his boring-in rival. Moreover, Nemoto was penalized one point due to his frequent butts. Nemoto, however, was given two points by the third man, who took Cortez's visit to the canvas for a knockdown for a compulsory eight-count in the ninth round. It was like this: Cortez swung a roundhouse right which missed and slipped. Then, when Nemoto's well-timed but not strong right caught his lanky opponent, down he went. But we could not see it was caused by the effect of Nemoto's punch. In the tenth and final stanza, Cortez aimed at a clean finish with all he still had, dominating the round by a slight margin.

It must be Hector's first experience against such a short opponent as Nemoto, who had once recklessly challenged Ernesto Marcel's world title to be halted in nine bad rounds in Panama five years ago. Cortez must again study how to utilize his long left hand. In twenty-six domestic crads, Nemoto remained unbeaten. In a semi-final ten, Keno Kashi and Jaguar Sekino, both weighing in at 127½, started some fireworks, halted in only 58 seconds by ref Yoshida owing to the latter veteran's streaming gash. Rising lefty Kashi, twenty-two years of age and 9-1-2 (7 by KO), was awarded a TKO win, which may up his present eighth rank in the JBC feather class.

In a supporting eight, scrappy and sharp Koichi Matsushima seized a split decision from Kenichi Ito in a close contest. Both scaled in at 122 pounds. Some 1,800 were in attendance, because Hector Cortez had been reported to belong to Misako Club of Tokyo to seek an opportunity at the world feather title.

▲**KORAKUEN HALL**—Fast-moving Koichi Maki, 111¾, became the JBC flyweight champion, as he piled up good points in the first half to score a majority decision from Kenji Kato, half a pound lighter and 28, in ten hot heats.

Some 1,800 fans, who had mostly favored Kato to retain the crown thanks to his superior experience, saw Maki outjab the champ speedily. Kato, 26-10-9 with nine kayos, was a dangerous left hooker, who had often floored his opponents despite the results of points decisions for him or against him.

Except in the second session, when Maki ceased outpunching for awhile owing to a slight cut over the right eyebrow, the twenty-year-old challenger was completely in command for four rounds in the first half.

As the contest progressed, Kato became so wild as to drop the Fancy Dan with his specialty, a strong left, missing the elusive target too frequently. In the sixth and seventh rounds they showed us nothing but plenty of clinches after hitting the air mutually. Maki's usual weakness, lack of stamina, was revealed in the last three sessions, which Kato desperately dominated with his continual two-fisted attack. However the opinions of JBC officials divided in giving three points to Kato's final roundhouse rallies.

Referee Morita called the hairline affair a draw, 47-47. The judges disagreed. Sakaki and Ichikawa both went for Maki, 48-47. It was Maki's fifteenth win (three by kayo) against eight defeats and three draws.

In a semi-windup eight, former Olympian Yukio Segawa, twenty-three, and a lefty puncher, continued his winning streak to three, all within the distance, as he kept coming forward against taller dancer Tadashi Yatsuzuka, no. 9 featherweight, to polish him off in 1.06 of the fifth round.

Yatsuzuka fought well to win the second canto, but Segawa's vicious right sent him to dreamland. Each tipped the beam at 125½.

In another eighter, Yasuhide Takahashi had Namio Akamine in a bloody mess, being awarded a technical kayo midway in the sixth round. They were featherweights, scaling at 124¾ pounds each.

In a junior lightweight six, Gen Akutsu unanimously whipped Ken Ogata, after they entered the ring at the 130-pound limit. Hard-punching rookie Minoru Nanjo, 122, demolished Akio Fujimoto, a half-pound lighter, in only 200 seconds of a preliminary six.

The card was presented by Teiken and Tanabe Clubs and telecast through Tokyo Channel 12.

▲**TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL**—A triple tenner was a delux attraction which drew some 1,500 customers and entertained them with as many knockouts. A main event was battled by the JBC one and two contenders junior feather. Unbeaten Eijiro Murata, an ex-amateur speedster at 21, stretched his record to nine victories including seven kayos, when he lopsidedly lunged out at Hisami Mizuno to score a clean stoppage in 2.05 of the eighth round.

We were impressed by Murata's progress in power punching especially at close range rather than in his usual cleverness. Murata battered Mizuno, his senior by four years and a durable guy, from every angle, winning every round before the trick happened. In his clambering, clouting attack, Mizuno, 23-8 with eleven kayos, tried to chase the youngster, but was counterpunched thoroughly. After the robust veteran was forced to backdedal in the seventh round, Murata threw a hard left to the button that lifted him up in the air before Mizuno crumbled on the canvas. Though a towel was tossed in, the third man continued counting to ten, as the JBC rule mandates.

Upright stylist Murata will be a better fighter, if he learns how to shoot effective body punches against bobbing foes.

In a second tenner, Tadashi Akiyama, no. eight 130-pounder at 11-4 (five by KO), had the crowd on its feet, when he threw a wicked left hook to the jaw of Shuhei Takebe, finishing him with three knockdowns in 2.39 of the first round. Each entered the squared circle at 132½.

The first ten also resulted in an early finish, as Katsuo Esashi, 162¾ of Yokohama, dropped Toshihiko Nagaoka, 160½, on three occasions in the second session to win a kayo automatically. Due to his lack of suitable opponents, light heavyweight Nagaoka had attempted to combat on a contract under 163 pounds. He was minus his usual zip and fast reflexes. Esashi, the loser's one year junior at 25, was JBC No. 4 middleweight and an ex- Shinjin-o winner, who gained his fourth win against one draw, while Nagaoka dropped to 6-2-1.

KOREA

▲**SEOUL**—OPBF featherweight boss Hwang Bok-Soo engaged in an expected game with Chung Soon-Hyun, national junior feather leader, in a non-title tenner. Rising youngster Chung scored with a smashing left to drop the OPBF champ in the third round to gain a unanimous upset decision. Hwang attacked the winner with full force only to be outmaneuvered by Chung's cleverness. Chung is one of the best prospects in Korea, as he had dethroned hard-hitter Koh Dok-Hoon and demolished Japan's Futaro Tanaka within the distance last year.

▲**SEOUL**—Four days later, at the same Cultural Gymnasium, another OPBF junior flyweight titlist Chung Sang-Il lost to national champ Kim Sung-Jun in twelve close frames before 2,500 customers. This time Sang-Il's title was at stake, therefore the crowd was cheerful after the birth of the new title holder. Kim was superior in precision of punching so as to drop Chung for the mandatory eight count in round two. The knockdown was valuable enough to carry Kim to the crown, for officials of KBC (Korea Boxing Commission) tabbed a split nod. Kim twenty-one years of age, upped his record to 16-5-3 with this triumph.

▲**PUSAN**—Three ten-rounders, two of which were fought for the national thrones, had some 3,000 witnesses gather at Kodok Gymnasium.

In only 164 seconds of the opening session, Kim Kwang-Min retained his lightweight title from Koo Sang-Mo, top contender, to prove his power. Both made the limit of 135 pounds.

Junior welterweight champ Kim Chong-Ho also registered an impressive defense by stopping Choi Ik-Hyun, No. 2 welter guy, with strong right shots at the face in the seventh stanza.

In a supporting ten, OPBF bantam titlist Kim Yung-Shik, 119¼, outsped and outpunched Park Chun-Ha, national champ in the same class of 120, to earn a unanimous decision. Kim's flashing speed was too much for the slower Park.

▲**SEOUL**—Munha Gym watched Kim Sa-Wang, No. 4 bantie, drop Go Mifune from Japan for a compulsory eight-count in the second round to win a unanimous decision in ten good frames. Having displayed his usual game fighting during three previous visits at Korea, Mifune was completely outpunched by the rising hope Sa-Wang. It was the victor Kim's fifth pro showing. Kim weighed in at 120¼, a half pound heavier than the Japanese lefthander.

▲**SEOUL**—Up-and-coming Park Chan-Hee, KBC top junior flyweight at 110¼, unanimously whipped George Pedroso, Philippines, in ten rather disappointing rounds. For all onesided proceedings, Park was unable to score with his vaunted rights against the game Filipino. Park has compiled five victories in as many pro outings since his pro debut by demolishing Japan's Chuji Muto last September. Despite possessing no titles yet, Park has been a most popular ringman there after he turned pro with a brilliant 125-2 record. Though Park lost to Hernandez of Cuba, a Gold Medalist, in a quarter-final of Montreal Olympic Games, he had gained some championships in Asian Games of Teheran in 1974 and in Kings Cup Tournament of Bangkok in 1976. He is rather tall for the 108-pound class and is an aggressive boxer-puncher. Park is currently rated the no. 9 man by WBA due to his unanimous decision from then OPBF champ Chung Sang-Il last October last.

▲**SEOUL**—Whether it was an upset result or not, Korea's No. 2 junior lightweight, Choi Mun-Sok knocked out Filipino lightweight champ Manny Israel in the seventh round at Munha Gymnasium. Both weighed half a pound over the 135-pound limit on account of Israel's national crown.

Having been dethroned by Puerto Rico's Wilfredo Gomez via a kayo route in San Juan last year, ex-WBC champ Yum Dong-Kyun returned to ring action by decisively beating Edwin Alarcon, Filipino No. 2 junior feather, in ten.

After the bad loss to Gomez, Yum might have been mentally out of shape so that he dropped a twelve-round decision to perennial rival Hong Soo-Hwan in Seoul and suffered a second-round kayo by Shuzo Yoshida in Yokohama. Ali-stylist Dong-Kyun had been taking a rest since his poor performance in Japan. Yum scaled in at 124 pounds to 122¼ for Alarcon. In the first ten, Kim Yung-Kwan, 111¼, amazed the ringsiders by stopping Kim Kyung-Son, 111¾, in the first round to win the vacant KBC flyweight title. The championship of Korea was relinquished by Yang Hong-Soo, a busy lefty who wrested the OPBF crown by a twelve-round win over Jiro Takada in Osaka on December 8.

▲**CHUNGJOO CITY**—On the same night, Dongshin Promotion presented another triple header including a title competition. Kim Kwang-Son, 136 pounds and top lightweight contender, defeated Chung Wang-Ki, 137½, by a unanimous decision in ten. A card of national champions seemed common there in order to respond to great expectations of huge fight fans. Junior middleweight titlist Kim Jung-Shik, 155 pounds, met welter ruler Choi Man-Song, at the same weight, taking a unanimous decision in ten heats. Kim Jin-Kyun, no. 5 contender, impressively wrested the feather throne, as he knocked out defending champ Kim Hyo-Sung, ¾ pound heavier, in the tenth and final round.

▲**SEOUL**—Munhwa Gym viewed young top notchers appear in a dual tenner. Tall lanky Park In-Kyu, 119, proved to be a worthy contender in the bantam class by beating Han Dong-Sop, No. 8 man, in ten. The decision was unanimous. Ex-junior light leader Lee Yidano, scaling at 134, won a unanimous verdict from Flash Kiston, a Filipino, at 134½, in ten.

THAILAND

▲**BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM**—Junior featherweight champ Kunpholl ek Sakornphitak, 130, eight pounds heavier than his usual limit, won a unanimous decision from Apisakdi Donjadee, no. 4 lightweight at 132, in ten. This card was promoted by Napha Nakprathoa.

▲Top feather contender Somchart Sakdiphayak, 128, proved too much for unrated newcomer Dansing Sorphayatai, 130, via a unanimous decision in 10.

▲In an eliminator to decide a new lightweight champion of TBC (Thailand Boxing Commission), Changton Singthanongsakdi, no. 2 man at 133, seized the crown by unanimously defeating Kunpan Singtethong, 134, in ten hot frames.

▲Rated no. 4 by TBC, Kunphel Sakornphitak, 149, scored a quick kayo of Sornravy Yorntrakit, no. 7 welterweight at 148 pounds, in the second round of a scheduled ten.

▲Fifth bantie Narongrith Sithsompong, 119, utilized his physical adavantage as he gained a unanimous decision from Suriya Pratumvadee, 118 and no. four 112-pounder, in ten.

▲Chaiyong Petchkasem, a rising junior feather, at 124, technically kayoed Pingboon Siththumrong, 126, in the third round.

▲Perennial top notcher in the feather class, Sumake Chorchang, 127, defeated Singsamuth Sithgunphai, 128 pounds, in ten.

▲**BANGKOK**—World junior flyweight contender, Netrnoi S. Vorasing, 110, displayed his strong punching ability to finish Tito Abella of the Philippines at 109, midway in the fifth round.

Though having been outscored by then WBC champ Lumemba Estaba last year, Netrnoi, once named Prospect of the Month of The Ring Mag., is slated to face Freddy Castillo, Mexico, who surprisingly upset Estaba by a fourteenth-round knockout in Caracas on February 20.

ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Jae Do Yuh (K)
1. NewnWon Kang (K)
2. Rudy Siregar (I)
3. Toshiaki Suzuki (J)
4. NamYong Park (K)
5. Alberto Cruz (P)
6. Al Korovou (A)
7. ChunKoun Park (K)
8. YUhoon Yun (K)
9. Wally Carr (A)
10. KyunIl Lee (K)

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Champion
Ho Joo (K)
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2. JungShik Kim (K)
3. Tsutomu Hagusa (J)
4. Rocky Joe (P)
5. ChulKwon Suh (K)
6. Thamingthong Singsamang (T)
7. Minoru Ono (J)
8. Michihiro Horihata (J)
9. Aquilino Nicolas Jr. (P)
10. Yohi Arai (J)

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Ryu Sorimachi (J)
1. Shoji Tsujimoto (J)
2. Hector Thompson (A)
3. Akio Kameda (J)
4. Gideon Toyogon (P)
5. Mana Premchai (T)
6. ManSung Choi (K)
7. Mitsuo Kushikino (J)
8. Noli Galicha (P)
9. Satanfa S. Pratip (T)
10. KapSoo Kim (K)

JR. WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Moises Cantoja (P)
1. Wongso Suseno (I)
2. Noboru Hatakeyama (J)
3. ChongHo Kim (K)
4. Dan De Guzman (P)
5. Jong Sathiragym (T)
6. Yoshiaki Ogino (J)
7. SangKyun Kim (K)
8. Baby Cassius Austin (A)
9. Kiatsayarm Jokker (T)
10. Toru Sukahara (J)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
YoungHo Oh (K)
1. Masahiro Yokai (J)
2. KwangMin Kim (K)
3. Hitoshi Takahashi (J)
4. Many Israel (P)
5. Billy Mulholland (A)
6. Kunpan Singtothong (T)
7. Kwangson Kim (K)
8. Joe Lim (P)
9. SangMo Koo (K)
10. Kiyoshi Kazama (J)

JR. LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
Rey Tam (P)
1. Takao Maruki (J)
2. Apollo Yoshio (J)
3. HaseEun Chung (K)
4. Bomber Uchida (J)
5. HyungIl Park (K)
6. Fred "Bruce Lee" Besa (P)
7. MunSuk Choi (K)
8. Billy Moeller (A)
9. Nick Capatel (P)
10. Ryu Fukida (J)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
BokSoo Hwang (K)
1. Royal Kobayashi (J)
2. Nene June (P)
3. Spider Nemoto (J)
4. Shuzo Yoshida (J)
5. Nunthabureng Leadbankeye (T)
6. Jonny Sato (P)
7. ChangYong Lee (K)
8. Somchart Saksiphayak (T)
9. Shigeyoshi Adachi (J)
10. Hyosong Kim (K)

JR. FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
Ric Quijano (P)
1. Kumpholek Sakornphitak (T)
2. Sandy Nora (P)
3. Morkasakdi Muangsurin (T)
4. Eijiro Murata (J)
5. Hisami Mizuno (J)
6. George Tam (P)
7. DokHun Koh (K)
8. Ric Diamlo (P)
9. Brian Roberts (A)
10. Edwin Alarcon (P)

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion
YungSik Kim (K)
1. Somkiat Sukothai (T)
2. Go Numata (J)
3. Mario Odias (P)
4. Shuichi Isogami (J)
5. Chunha Park (K)
6. Sutan Rambing (I)
7. Mungkorndum Muangsurin (T)
8. InKyo Park (K)
9. Cesar Amazan (P)
10. Neptali Alamag (P)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
HongSoo Yang (K)
1. Bernabe Villacampo (P)
2. Jiro Takada (J)
3. Kenji Kato (J)
4. Dan Pisalchai (T)
5. Tsutomu Igarashi (J)
6. YungHwan Kim (K)
7. Nobuyuki Watanabe (J)
8. HakYung Kim (K)
9. Nurhasjim (I)
10. Franco Torregosa (P)

JR. FLYWEIGHT
Champion
SungJun KIm (K)
1. Kazunori Tenryu (J)
2. Monsyam Mahachai (T)
3. YoungHyun Kim (K)
4. Siony Carupo (P)
5. Wongchainoi Sithvattai (T)
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OLD BROADWAY

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Stadium, recently passed away at the age of 75. Also Jim Roach, one time sports editor of *The New York Times* and racing editor as well, passed away at age of seventy. They were two fine gentlemen and a credit to newspaperdom.

Received note recently from Jack (Kid) Berg, of London, former junior welterweight champion, sending greetings to the *Ring* staff and all his American friends. Jackie did quite a bit of his fighting in the States years ago and was considered better than an ordinary mitt-wielder. Among his scraps were those with the late Tony Canzoneri, Mushy Callahan, and Kid Chocolate, among other kingpins. He had quite a career, starting in 1924 and terminating in 1945, one of the longest careers in boxing. His American managers were the late Frankie Jacobs and Sol Gold.

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Speaking of Berg and his fights with Canzoneri and others reminds us that Leonard DelGenio, stablemate of Canzoneri's, is still filling an engagement at the Colony, on Seventh Avenue off 34th Street, appearing on Thursday and Friday nights. Ossie Feldman and other fistic celebs join him there as well as others who are friends of the former boxing star.

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Sorry to learn from our friend, Charlie Ferrara, of Stratford, Conn.; of the death of Lou Bogash last March 7. Lou was one of the standouts in boxing during his era, and he met the best. He was seventy-seven years old at the time of his death. When boxing flourished in the Nutmeg State, Bogash was one of their great performers. In our next issue, when we'll talk about the fistic greats from Bridgeport and reminisce at length about this gallant performer and his brilliant record. Lou once battled Jack Britton for the welter crown at the Casino in Bridgeport and there was quite a discussion about the decision: The referee declared the fight a draw.

The history of Bridgeport and fighters is quite extensive and we'll deal with them and more of the great fights participated in by Bogash, a real iron man. Suffice it to say that among the fighters Bogash clashed with were many who either were champs or became champions, the likes of Mike McTigue, Mickey Walker, Tommy Loughran, Harry Greb, and Tiger Flowers.

On the record, Bogash had 117 fights and lost only seven. Surviving Lou are his wife Rose, his son, Lou Bogash, Jr., and a sister, Mrs. Mary Carrano, as well as two granddaughters, nieces and nephews.

STANDER, O'GRADY, SCORE KAYOES IN OMAHA

By ROBERT J. RUIZ

OMAHA, NEBRASKA — Prize fighting returned here for the first time in nearly three years. Headlining were three ten-round events featuring contender Sean O'Grady as well as the comebacks of Ron Stander and Dale Hernandez.

Stander, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and a local legend, looked comparatively trim at 229 fighting evasive Clyde Mudgett, 185, Indianapolis, Ind. The ring rusty Stander was given much trouble in the early milling as the muscular Mudgett sidestepped Ron's rushes handily. However, the Iowa heavyweight was gradually finding the range in the third as body shots were tolling on Clyde. An overhand right staggered Mudgett and opened a bad gash over his eye at which point the referee ruled the cut too severe for him to continue, Stander winning by a TKO in three.

"I'm sorry I didn't put the guy away properly" exclaimed Ron afterwards. "My timing was way off. I'm really going to have to start working in the gym." Some fans were disappointed because they had come to expect a clean kayo every time he steps into the ring and normally Stander delivers. Stander is now 33-10-2.

Featherweight Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, blasted bearded Ramon Campos, San Antonio, Texas, to the floor twice in the opening frame of their scheduled ten. Campos did not get up after the second knockdown, resulting in another first-round knockout for the flashy Sean, who scored win number 49 against one defeat.

Coming back after a year's layoff due to an injured wrist, lightweight Dale Hernandez, Omaha, appeared to be hitting harder than ever as he disposed of Sammy Black, Memphis, in just one round. A devastating left hook to the body put Black out of commission for the night. The blow shattered one of Black's ribs and there was much anxiety over his condition afterwards. All three bouts were scheduled for ten rounds.

In preliminary action, Omaha heavyweight Lupe Guera made his pro debut a successful one by outpointing Charles Smith, La., in four. Lupe was one of the cleverest of Omaha amateur heavyweights and gives much promise towards continuing same in the paid ranks. Monty Cady, Lincoln, Nebr. won a split decision over tough Frank Formaro, Des Moines, Iowa, in a middleweight six rounder. Underdog Formaro won the crowd with his gutsy showing but not the judges. Attendance was 3,504. A good crowd. Expectations are good for a revival of pro boxing here.

HEARD OUTPOINTS SAENZ

By ED SCULLEN

BALTIMORE, MD. — Local middleweight favorite Leo (Kid) Saenz was outfought and outdistanced by classy Chicagoan Johnny Heard in the ten-round feature of promoter Joe Quinones' forty-eight-round boxing card before a paid Civic Center crowd of 3,417.

Quinones, an Allentown, Pa. interior designer and a newcomer to boxing, put on the show mainly to warm up Baltimore for his upcoming "World Heavyweight Boxing Championship", scheduled for April 28-May 14 at the Civic Center. If you haven't heard, the Walk-On is open to anyone ages 18-35, weighing at least 175, physically sound and willing to slug it out with up to one thousand like-minded participants for a total of $103,000 in prize monies, including a top prize of $50,000. To enter the tournament, each fighter must post an entry fee of $275 which covers the cost of all hotel accommodations, meals, licensing, physical exam, and all equipment—the only kicker to the deal is that no entrant can ever have fought professionally. The event is scheduled for national telecasting by NBC on its Sportsworld Show three successive Sundays (April 30, May 7 and May 14).

To help illustrate his tantalizing idea, Quinones added a two-round exhibition to the pro card featuring twenty-three-year-old Mike Alocco against ex-pro Tony Baldoni. Alocco, a 6'6", 250-pound regional sales manager for a prominent national distiller and a three-time All-America basketball player at Stonehill College (North Easton, Mass.), showed that he was only a slight threat to the current crop of heavyweights . . . Still, the bout was well-received and it seems likely the Walk-On concept will be popular with fans.

In the feature bout, thirty-three-year-old Heard came in as a last-minute replacement, and with a so-so record of 10-7, he was not expected to extend Saenz greatly. Once in the ring, another story emerged . . . Saenz rushed, throwing powerful shots which Heard side-stepped and then Johnny countered quickly with punishing combinations. Heard was in control and maintained his lead while rough-tough Saenz swung mostly at open air. According to many veteran ringsiders, it was the best bout seen here in the last twenty years.

Now, the Saenz group must go back to the drawing board to revamp their fighter. Saenz has all the physical tools, but suffers from a marked aversion to training, and has not learned all that much since being cuffed around in similar fashion three years ago by Emile Griffith. The scoring, all for Heard: referee Larry Barret: 47-45, judges Tom Kelly and Ray Klingmeyer: 50-42.

In an eight-round semi-final, New York heavyweight Bill Sharkey, now residing in Baltimore, stopped Charles (Emperor) Harris at 1:36 of round two. After a cautious first round, Sharkey staggered Harris with a left hook to the temple and then drove his foe to the ropes where he unleashed four unanswered rights, plus a combination, before referee Harry Cecchini intervened. Sharkey is now 17-1.

PRO BOXING BACK IN DENVER

By RAY SCHOENINGER

After an absence of two and one-half years, professional boxing returned to Denver, Colorado. The five-bout program presented by the Mile-Hi Boxing Club, Chuck Jenkins, promoter, was held at the Regis College Field House.

Larry Cruz, 190, Salt Lake City, Utah, a last minute sub for Denver's Eric Sedillo, won a close split decision over Hank Gregory 181¼, Joplin, Missouri, in eight rounds.

In another eight-rounder, Billy Parks, 135, scored a fifth round TKO over Billy Pearish, 135, Joplin, Missouri.

In a third eight-round bout, Jesse Trujillo, 119¾, Denver, scored an impressive second round knockout over veteran Dave Pierson, 122, Phoenix, Arizona.

In a special six-rounder, Jeff Shelburg, 201, Salt Lake City, scored a fourth round TKO over Jimmy Pearish, 223½, Joplin, Missouri. Shelburg decked Pearish for a nine-count in round three and finished him off in the fourth.

The four-round opener was a real thriller. Mike Benelli, 155, Denver, came back from a real pasting in the first two rounds to kayo Garry Miller, 156¾, Denver, in the third round.

A good crowd was on hand. Promoter Jenkins planned to promote another show on May 3. Any good, young professional boxers wanting to appear in Denver may write: Mile-Hi Boxing Club, Inc., 6840 Drive, Denver, Colorado 80221.

THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

By TED YAMACHIKA

HONOLULU — Andrew Ganigan, Hawaii's only nationally ranked fighter, won his twenty-third consecutive fight at the expense of Mexico's Vicente Saldivar in a scheduled twelve-rounder at the N. Blaisdell Center arena. The fight was stopped in the eighth by referee Wilbert Minn due to a bad eye cut suffered by the Mexican fighter. The North American Boxing Federation lightweight title was at stake.

Ganigan, leading at the time of the stoppage, had scored two knockdowns, in the third and sixth.

This win for the local lad was his most important to date, but it was also the most controversial and certainly not an impressive one. There was some question, even after the fight, of whether Saldivar's eye cut was the result of a butt, and also whether the second knockdown in the sixth was due to a low blow. Saldivar's manager, Harry Kabakoff, claimed that his fighter was given a raw deal in both instances and Ganigan's backers claimed the opposite.

There wasn't that much of a difference between the two fighters when the fight was stopped. The outcome was still in doubt. Ganigan was at his best in the earlier rounds and definitely leading, but Saldivar was getting stronger and landed some of the best punches of the fight in the seventh.

The fight, promoted by Boxing Enterprises, Ltd., drew just under 9,000 fans and grossed better than $60,000.00.

FRATTO OVER PHELPS IN SYRACUSE

By JIM LEO

Rocky Fratto, 151¾, Geneva, N.Y., topping a trio of ten-rounders staged by the Canastota Boxing Club at the Syracuse War Memorial, scored a unanimous decision over Tyrone Phelps, 150, New York City. Fratto, a youngster at nineteen, showing excellent improvement, displayed clever boxing moves early in the contest against the more experienced Phelps. Midway through the bout, Fratto switched to an inside attack, as good body shots were taking their toll. Phelps was outgunned by the youngster, but put up an interesting battle against the precision punching of the Genevian. Cards of the officials were 9-1, 8-2, and 7-2-1 for the unbeaten Fratto, who lifted his record to 9-0. Rocky is managed by Tony Graziano.

Greg Sorrentino, 200, Syracuse, returned to action following his good win over Ibar Arrington. This time, Sorrentino was the unanimous victor over southpaw Vic Brown, 207, Buffalo. Sorrentino did most of the scoring. Near the close of round one, Greg punished Vic on the ropes, and again in the tenth, Brown appeared to be in trouble. Sorrentino showed good, quick movement for a heavyweight. His record is now 10-2-1. The cards were 7-2-1, 7-1-2 , and 7-1-2, all for Sorrentino, who is managed by Carmen Basilio.

John D'Amore, 165, Rome, N.Y., engaged in his first ten-rounder and came out on the winning end in an exciting slugfest with Ray Bryant, 165, of Elizabeth, N.J. D'Amore, a crowd favorite with his attacking style, got involved in good exchanged with Bryant. Though hard pressed, D'Amore kept coming, and his aggressive style eked him out the win. The cards were 5-4-1, 5-3-2, and 5-2-3, all for D'Amore.

In an opening six-rounder, Donald Johnson, 145, Brooklyn, punched out a decision over Frankie Minnegan, 146, Rochester, N.Y., in a pleasing bout.

In a four-rounder, Bubba Chavis, 153, Syracuse, was the winner by decision over John Taylor, 158, Buffalo. Chavis, a Billy Backus stablemate, is now 2-1. This was another good bout.

The card drew 2,100, grossing $15,000.

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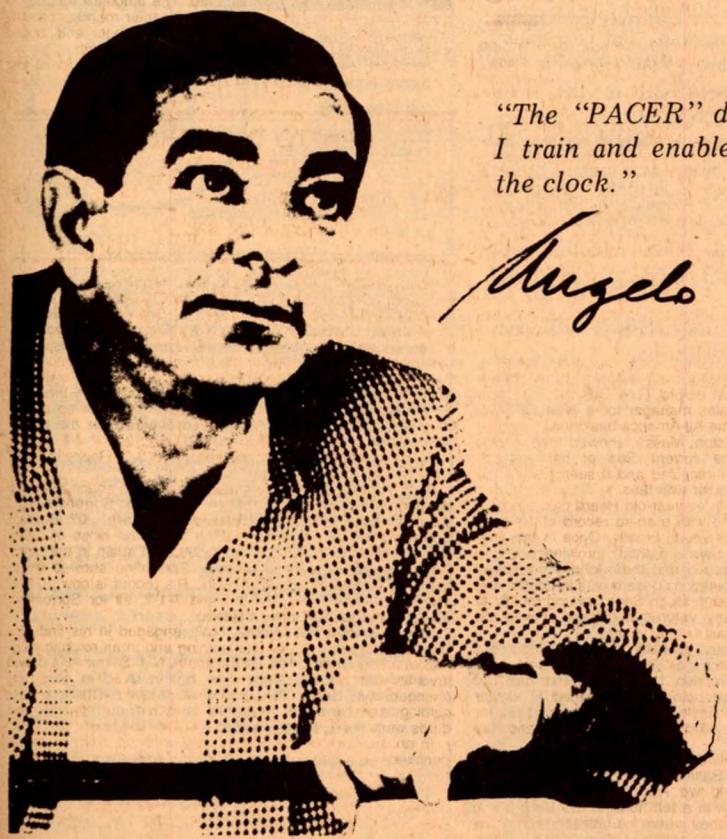

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THE BRITISH ISLES

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Bermondsey, 139, over eight by 77-76. Seemingly behind at the end of the sixth, Roomes put in a storming finish to edge the verdict, Jeram being decked in the seventh; Dave Cammiss, Eltham, 159½, beat Lloyd Gardner, Acton, 166, who was ruled out for holding in the second round. Gardner had been censured on five occasions before the disqualification, but blamed a clash of styles; Joey Williams, Poplar, 177, beat Kevin Felton, Rhondda, 175, the bout being stopped in the third after the latter had been down; Steve Lewin, Morden, 161, easily outpointed John Breen, Belfast, 171, over six by 60-55, but full marks to the latter who kept on trying and even raised the pace in the two final rounds. The cleaner and more accurate punching came from Lewin; Debutant Sid Smith, Forest Hill, 141, defeated Delvin Whyte, Tottenham, 140, the referee intervening in the fourth and final round. Whyte was decked in the first and last rounds.

▲**20th Century Sporting Club, Southend**—There's no stopping Mick Mills, Islington, 149. In fact, it's Mick who has been doing the stopping. He gained his tenth inside-schedule win out of 13 straight victories by knocking out Albert Smith, Sheffield, 162, in two rounds. Conceding nearly a stone didn't bother Mick. He completely outpunched his southpaw opponent, and Smith seemed fortunate to see the first round through. When they met previously, Mills won on points. There was never a chance of this one going the distance; Lawrence Devanney, 127, outscored Tony Zeni, Highgate, 130, over eight by 77-76, but the latter seemed unlucky. Devanney was decked in the fifth, and again in the sixth, when the latter was forced through the ropes. He was also warned on several occasions for "slapping." Main difference was Devanney kept the busier of the two, and Zeni relied for the most part on one hefty punch at a time; Mick Barker, Portsmouth, 147, drew with Eric Purkis, Wembley, 142, over six. Plenty of action, and a good result; John Cooper, Morden, 127, beat Malcolm McHugh, Liverpool, 128, the referee intervening in the third with McHugh bleeding from the nose and on the receiving end; Carlton Benoit, Hackney, 178, outscored veteran southpaw George Gray Aberdeen 182, over six by 59-57. An uninteresting scrap, with the referee frequently having to ask for more action.

Hove Town Hall—No trouble for Mickey Minter, Crawley, who easily outpointed substitute Roy Commosioung, Luton, 149, over eight by 80-77. Minter didn't have to take too much out of himself in order to win, and whenever he got in close his body punches were impressive.

Nobbins came in from delighted fans after Eddie Vierling, Southampton, 181½, had outpointed Clint Jones, Crawley, 172, over eight by 78-75. Vierling was coasting along comfortably for three rounds, when Jones stepped up the pace, completely taking his opponent by surprise. Working well with both hands, Jones was making up the leeway until he ran out of steam, and then Vierling took over again. A right hand put Jones on the canvas, a similar punch put him down again, but he got up to see it through until the end. Plenty of honest endeavour on both sides.

Trevor Cattouse, Balham, 179½, punched far too accurately and far too often for Theo Josephs, Huddersfield, 181½, outscoring him by 79-75 over eight; Martin Corachio, Bournemouth, 158, beat Jimmy Whitmarsh, Portsmouth, 162½, the bout being stopped in the first round after the latter had been decked; Des Miller, Portsmouth, 161, kayoed Paul (brother of Martin) Corachio, Bournemouth, 158½, in round two.

▲**Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham**—Veteran Bingo Crooks, Wolverhampton, 127, outpointed Billy Vivian, Merthyr, 132, over eight by 78-76. A dull contest, the referee telling them to make a fight of it in the second, with Crooks' greater experience proving the deciding factor. The highlight came in the seventh, when Crooks was caught off-balance and fell out of the ring. He got back at the count of five, and was altogether too accurate for his opponent; Dave McCabe, Gartcosh, 139, kept his unbeaten record by outscoring Martin Bridge, Bradford, 143, over eight by 78-76. McCabe assumed control early on and kept it in this battle of southpaws; Paddy McAleese, Newmarket, 141, outpointed Frank McCord, Swansea, 141, over six by 58-57. McCord did the forcing in the early stages, but McAleese came back well, and just about deserved his win; Ron Green, Stoke, 174, outscored Walter Pearce, Newport, 176½, by 58-57 over six. Green was the more accurate, although Pearce gave him a few anxious moments.

▲**Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham**—Central Area middleweight champion Dave Owens, Castleford, 161½, beat Paul Shutt, Leicester, 160¾, the referee intervening in the second after Shutt had been decked four times from right hands; The 23-year-old Owens had been out of the ring eight months after being involved in a motorcycle accident that required a skin graft. Dave's record now stands at ten victories and a draw out of 11 bouts, including eight victories inside schedule; Joey Saunders, Nottingham, 146, outscored Billy Nixon, Bradford, 145¾, over six by one point, the narrowest possible margin. A close one, and some thought Nixon deserved at least a share; Steve Bond, Nottingham, 161, beat Mohammed Akram, Leeds, 160½, the bout being stopped in the fifth when Akram had stopped hitting back.

▲**Anglo-American Sporting Club, London**—Carlton Benoit, Hackney, 179½, beat Billy Knight, 174, who was disqualified in the sixth after several warnings. It was a close contest while it lasted. Benoit started fast, when he might have been expected to take it steady in his first three-minute rounds fight. Knight covered up until the storm had subsided, then went to work with well-placed punches, and soon there was a swelling under Benoit's left eye. Yet the latter was not overawed and kept jabbing nearly to keep his opponent at bay. Two low punches in the second brought warnings for Knight, and there were a few more in the fourth. In the fifth, Knight was cut on the left eye, and looking a trifle weary. Benoit was at his busiest and best in this session. Knight improved in the following round, and honors were about even when a low punch caused referee Harry Gibbs to give him a final warning. Blood was coming from Billy's eye injury when he caught his man with another blow beneath the target area, and he was then disqualified.

Joe Griffin, 164¼, beat Dave Callen, Putney, 162½, the bout being stopped in the fourth after Callen had been down twice; Tony Laing, 149, defeated Steve Ward, Leicester, 147, the referee intervening in the second after Ward had been decked twice; Dave Maloney, Walworth, 152¼, outpointed debutant Dennis Powell, Rhondda, 151, over six by 59-57. Maloney did well to overcome a cut on the right eye in the seventh, but he kept up the pressure to earn a clear vitory.

▲**National Sporting Club, London**—Oscar Angus, 164, beat Carl Speare, 162¾, the referee intervening in the fourth round with Speare cut on both eyebrows. Hard luck on Speare, formerly a highly-rated fighter, who had been inactive for some time. The fight was evenly poised at that stage, with some good boxing and ringcraft on both sides; The patrons liked the contest in which Sylvester Gordon, 144½, drew with Paddy McAleese, Newmarket, 141½, over eight, and quite a lot of nobbins came into the ring for the boxers to share. Gordon looked the harder puncher, but McAleese wouldn't concede an inch; Bob Young, Croydon, 207, outscored veteran Guinea Roger, Islington, 200, over six by 59-56. A bit of a scramble, with Roger decked in the fourth, and both boxers falling out of the ring in the sixth; Peter Gorny, Croydon, 163½, beat Martin Corachio, Bournemouth, 163½, the bout being stopped in the fourth after Martin had been down twice.

IMPELLITTIERE-LOUGHRAN

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was in his second pro fight and Loughran had just beaten heavyweight Jack Sharkey. Harry Lenny had thought enough of his young charge to put him in against the cagey Loughran.

I had fought in the opening four-rounder, winning a decision over Jimmy Lorenzo, a ten-year veteran. It was my first professional bout. Impellittiere was my stablemate. We were both managed by the late Harry Lenny, a famous manager and a great teacher. My cornerman was Billy Brown, who later became the matchmaker for Madison Square Garden.

To get back to my story, after I had showered and dressed, I seated myself close to Ray Impellittiere's corner as the fight began.

"The Imp" (as we all called him) outjabbed and outboxed Loughran, and had things going his own way throughout the first five rounds. With a minute left in the sixth round, Ray hit Loughran a terrific right uppercut, knocking Tommy's mouthpiece flying and opening a three-inch gash in his mouth. With the blood streaming down his chin, and helplessly dazed, Loughran was a sad sight to behold. The referee, Pete Hartley, had no alternative but to step in and stop the fight.

However, in the confusion that followed, Loughran, a master showman, jumped up and down, hands flailing, appealing to the referee and the crowd to let him continue. The huge throng naturally screamed for the fight to go on.

The boxing commissioners, Phelan and Brown, decided to overrule the referee and allow the bout to continue. (Lenny hadn't removed Ray's gloves—an error on his part, as he later admitted—and he decided to go along with the commissioners' ruling, thinking that a few of Ray's jabs would reopen the cut and the fight would be his, anyway. It was a decision he deeply regretted afterwards.)

While all this was going on, Loughran's cornermen were working frantically to stem the flow of blood and doctor the cut.

The time elapsed was at least five minutes before they came out fighting for the seventh round. By this time, Loughran had fully recovered. Impellittiere showed his inexperience by chasing after Loughran, swinging wildly, looking for a quick K.O. But the K.O. never came, as the foxy Loughran outboxed and outsmarted Ray to take the final four rounds and steal a decision he never thought he'd be around to see.

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screen before they establish themselves as serious competitors, then women's boxing may be seen a few times, not as a sport but as a vaudeville act. If this happens, goodbye women in boxing.

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THE SUNNY SOUTH

By JOEL LIPSITT

HOLIDAY INN RIVERMONT, MEMPHIS, TENN. — Once again, there seems to be no stopping the torrid impressive win streak of hard punching Jimmy Heair. The former Huston, Mississippi belter, now residing and campaigning out of the beautiful city of Memphis, is literally punching holes in all opposition to date.

Heair, a trim 141, now the world's eighth ranked junior welterweight contender and recognized as the Southern junior welterweight champion, disposed of rugged Paul "Red" Garcia, 143, San Antonio, Texas, at 1:32 of the fourth round for his fourteenth win in a row, his last thirteen by k.o. in the scheduled ten-round main event.

After a slow feeling out process in the first moments of the first canto, Heair, usually noted for his devastating body punching in recent bouts, surprised the local crowd of over 1900 as he unleashed a savage right cross to the jaw, dropping Garcia on his side in a neutral corner. Garcia barely managed to beat the count as Heair, sensing a quick k.o. brought his attack downstairs, scoring heavily with solid left hooks to the body as Garcia was on rubbery legs as the bell sounded.

In the second Heair immediately began stalking the plucky well built Mexican import, looking for the one shot that would end it. Every punch Heair was landing was visibly hurting Garcia, as he feebly tried to counter Heair's attack with wide hooks that were short of the mark. Seconds later, another right cross to Garcia's nose floored him for an eight count. Once again Garcia now on queer street and bleeding from the nose, retreated quickly and luckily escaped further damage. In the third, Garcia gained a little composure and drove home two wicked left hooks and a straight right to Heair's body and was beginning to come on until a booming left hook to the side of the head once again staggered Garcia, causing him to hold until the round ended.

As the bell sounded for the fatal fourth, Garcia rushed from his stool, and throwing caution to the wind, stunned Heair momentarily with a flurry of punches, culminating with a crashing overhand right to the jaw. However, this was to be Garcia's last desperate effort as Heair, now slightly angered at this sudden outburst, retaliated with beautiful left-right combinations to the head and body that decked Garcia flat on his back under the lower ring strand for the final count.

As has been the trend in recent Memphis shows, the eight round light middleweight semi-windup again stole the show. Local popular Memphian favorite Clarence Gilmore, 153, ran into a sensational prospect in clever sharp punching twenty-four-old, Freddie Johnson, 153, New Orleans, La., a part time student at Tulane University. Gilmore, always a crowd pleaser and a well-conditioned brawler, noted for his tenacity just could not cope with Johnson's fantastic arsenal of punches. Johnson throughout the eight rounds peppered Gilmore's face with a steady flow of jabs that had to remind one of the days of Pep, Yama Bahama, Dupas and Pastrano. These beautiful executed jabs were followed by quick right hands, finally ending with short crisp left hooks inside, which kept Gilmore totally bewildered throughout the toe-to-toe slugfest, which Johnson always seemed to get the better of.

Although clearly outpunched, Gilmore never stopped trying and frequently caught the elusive Johnson with heavy left hooks to the mouth which drew blood but never did any serious damage. When it appeared Gilmore might be coming on, Johnson would just counter with a beautiful repertoire of punches that Memphians have not seen in some time. One would have easily felt the decision would have been unanimous, but one of the judges, who must have been watching another fight, shocked everyone, including this writer, by giving it to Gilmore. At this first announcement, the crowd screamed and booed its disapproval until the remaining officials gave it to a deserving Johnson. The brawl drew a three-minute standing ovation.

In a very disappointing four-round light middleweight contest, ever clowning Phil Reed, 150, Earle, Ark., who claims he fights for pure entertainment and nothing more, toyed for one round with a very inept Melvin Young, 145, Memphis, before poleaxing him with a series of punches to the arms and elbows at 1:40 of the second.

In a dismal four-round heavyweight clash, 6'4" southpaw Nate Jackson, 190, Memphis, won a lackluster decision win over muscular leaping Daniel "Wild Man" Isby, 195, Memphis, Tenn.

In the exciting four-round curtain raiser, newcomer Harold McMahan, 133, Calhoun City, Miss., made his professional debut a successful one with a hard fought unanimous decision win over the very game and durable Memphian trial horse, Simmie Black, 131. McMahan pleased the crowd and gave a very impressive account of himself, while Black, as always, win or lose, continues to give Memphis fans their money's worth.

▲GREENVILLE, MISS. — The third pro show ever to be held at the fabulous new Greenville Athletic Club was charm for professional boxing in this Mid Delta city. The pro fight game will certainly survive in this area if future cards continue to be as good as this one was.

Although the estimated crowd of 1000 was treated to an exciting ten-round main event, they left buzzing about the six-round prelim donnybrook they had just seen.

Two virtually unknown and unheralded welterweights waged one of the most savage ring wars since the famous Paddy Young vs. Tuzo "Kid" Portuguez and Charley Scott vs. Federico Thompson brawls back in the early fifties at Madison Square Garden.

Memphian fight promoter and matchmaker Red Fortner brought in twenty-one-year old Mike Herron of Memphis to tangle with twenty-nine-year-old Frank Crosby, a roofer by trade, from New Orleans, La.

Herron, at a superbly conditioned 146 and making his pro debut, put on a fantastic display of non-stop punching prowess in coping a unanimous decision win. For the entire brawl, both boys stood toe-to-toe banging away at each other without one clinch as referee Clyde Weeks was nowhere to be seen. Herron continued to find open shots and on numerous occasions hurt and staggered Crosby, 146, who just refused to quit under the torrid pace. Crosby, as game as they come, was the aggressor throughout the fracas as he absorbed some hefty shots that would have dropped most middleweights.

Just as it appeared that Herron was going to put him away, Crosby would muster some reserve strength and storm back to rock Herron in his tracks with booming right hand shots to the body, actually causing Herron's mouthpiece to fly out several times, while he grunted and gasped for breath.

At the final bell, Herron was bleeding from the mouth and Crosby had huge lumps under both eyes as the crowd gave both battlers a three-minute standing ovation. Herron won the battle simply because of condition. The fans liked it so much that they revived an old St. Nicholas Arena tradition and tossed in over $60 in one-dollar bills into the ring.

The featherweight main event was easily won by twenty-six-year-old Bobby Vascocu, 126, Marshall, Texas, over twenty-two-year old Shannon Williams, 128, Little Rock, Ark., but the crowd appeared to love every minute of it because both went all out all the way.

CANADIAN RING ACTION

By FRANK ALLNUTT

MONTREAL — When Cleveland Denny (Montreal) won the Canadian Lightweight championship with a unanimous decision over Jean Lapointe (Montreal) on Nov. 1st, 1977, he stated that he would be a fighting champion. Backing up this statement one hundred and fifty five days later, he put his title on the line against a real rugged tough challenger in Gaeton Hart (Hull) who had previously given Denny a real hard fight over ten rounds to lose the decision. The two were re-matched in the main event at the Forum and the fight had to be set back one week later than scheduled when Denny suffered a bruised muscle under the rib cage and was forced to lay-off boxing for a week. At the weigh-in, Denny made 133 and the challenger tipped the scale at 134. Both passed their medicals with no problems and the selection of new gloves was then completed by their managers.

Close to 5,000 fans were on hand for the title bout which included a large following of fans for Hart from Buckingham, Que. Denny the champion was an odds on favorite to retain his title mainly due to his fine boxing style and a big ten inch reach advantage. Hart an aggressive, walk in type of fighter who cuts easily rarely finished a fight without a cut of some kind. At the conclusion of the initial round it was obvious that Hart had learned well from his previous encounter with Denny. He was not the usual walk-in aggressive fighter the fans know, but was content to pick off the long stinging jab of the champion and counter with short blows to the body. Rounds two and three followed the same pattern with both boxers setting a faster pace. Denny began to find the range in the fifth round and scored with a jolting left hand and hooks to the head. He had not changed his pattern of boxing, content to go for the head of Hart rather than the body. One thing was very clear to ringside fans. When Denny returned to his corner after five rounds, he was breathing open-mouthed. Hart had got to his bruised ribs. In an effort to protect the bruised side of his body, Denny switched to the southpaw stance ior the sixth round. He really applied the pressure to Hart, scored well and had a big round. Hart was beginning to look like a tired fighter at the end of the round. Wasting no time in the seventh round, Denny went right back to the attack and midway through the round a freak happening changed the fight right around. One of the new gloves worn by Hart split open in the front. This caused the bout to be halted for almost ten minutes while new gloves were found to replace the damaged one. The fitting of the replacement gloves meant warm hands in cold gloves, both fighters had cooled out, the momentum of the fight was lost. Rounds eight and nine were fought at a much slower pace and Denny was still experiencing breathing problems. It was Hart who became the aggressor for the final three rounds, moving in on the champion he gave him no chance to get set to land any power punches. It was all Hart in the final three minutes of the bout with his supporters standing and cheering him along. With the three official cards reading 58-54, 57-53 and 57-55, all in favor of Hart, he left the Forum as the new Canadian lightweight champion. The 22-year-old ex-champ Denny suffered his first loss as a pro. His record is now 10-1-1. The postponement of the bout caused by injury combined with the halt in the fight to change gloves did not help his cause any. After a rest, he will be back for another shoat at regaining the title. The new champion, Gaeton Hart, with a record of 27-15-2 was full value for his big win. His management had done a fine job in preparing him for his title shot. Hart wanted that title badly. He went out and took it.

In a pair of ten round middleweight bouts, Jean Claude LeClair (Montreal), 163, stopped Nat King (Miami), 160, at the end of seven when the referee called a halt due to a cut over King's eye.

▲TORONTO — in a pair of pro bouts held on a Pro-Am card in the barroom of the Beverly Hills Hotel, Bob Bath (Toronto), 145, was a decision winner over Tony Campagna (Toronto), 150. In a middleweight six, Willie Featherstone (Toronto), 160, needed only 38 secs of the initial round to dispatch one billed as Al Bell (Chicago), 160. The promoters must have picked Bell up on his way through the city for this one.

▲HALIFAX — Close to 6,500 fans showed up at the new Metro Centre to take in the first professional card to be held there with Clyde Gray, the Commonwealth welterweight champion, and Gary Summerhays Canadian & Commonwealth light heavyweight champion, sharing the top spot on the bill. Alfonso Hayman (Philadelphia) did not have too much going for him in his bout against Gray and was halted at the 53 sec. mark of the fifth round. A short right hand shot by Gray, 153, decked Hayman, 150¼, in the second round and from then on in he was a sitting duck for Gray, who scored at will. Gary Summerhays (Brantford), 175½, had to go the ten round distance with Hal (T.N.T.) Carroll (Syracuse), 168, to gain a split decision. It was a close bout for eight rounds with Carroll fighting a defensive battle. In the final two rounds, Summerhays nailed Carroll with heavy shots to the head to edge out the decision. Over ten rounds Johnny Summerhaps (Brantford), 138, firmly established himself as the #1 lightweight contender in Canada when he pounded out a unanimous decision over Lawrence Hafey (Stellarton), 143. Summerhays stayed in close to Hafey to score with shots to the body and head. Hafey could not cope with the active aggressive Summerhays. In a welterweight ten, Chris Clarke (Halifax), 151½, also had to go the distance to win a unanimous decision over a tough and willing Ronald Whyns (Brooklyn) to keep his pro record intact.

SOUTH AFRICAN RING NEWS

By ED CLARK

JOHANNESBURG. Charlie Weir, promising junior middleweight, beat a tough "cookie" in Wolfgang Gans of West Germany, over eight rounds at the Wembley Ice Rink. There were no knockdowns, but in the sixth, Wir caught Gans with a short right to the jaw and followed up with a left hook to the body. The visitor's knees buckled. He went into a "shell" and managed to see out the round. Weir moved well in the fight with his left, finding the mark to Gans's face and using his right for the heavier blows. Gans showed good defensive work as well as toughness but he lost clearly and paid tribute to Weir's puching power. The crowd of 2,000 was disappointing but due to Weir's unexpected defeat of Joe Hali last year the fans want to see sterner opposition.

Eddie Mileham K.O.'d Renier de Beer, two, lightweights; Peet van der Westhuizen decisioned Hardy Mileham, four, juniorwelters; Kallie Swanepoel iced Piet Swanepoel, two, feathers; Basie Gouws tko'd Jan Espag, two, middleweights; Gregory Schmidt ko'd Gerrie Koekemoer, two, lightweights; Jan Blignaut tko'd Willem Visser, three, featherweights.

▲NEWCASTLE. Pro boxing made a debut in Newcastle at the Arbor Park Rugby grounds and 3,000 fans turned up and in the programme was Theunis Kok, light heavyweight who ko'd Ticky Nel in 2 minutes 57 seconds of the first round. Kok boxed cooly, then shot a left hook to the head and as Nel went down the stadium lights went out. When the lights came on, Nel was dazed but on his feet and another left hook to the body ended proceedings.

Andre Rheeders recovered from a knockdown in the first to turn the tables on Clement Smith, sending Smith to the canvas twice and running out a winner over six rounds in the welterweight division. Wentzel Marais decisioned Tickey Donaldson, six, junior middleweights; Mark Melville tko'd Tienie Oosthuizen, three, light heavyweights; Henna Hawkey outscored Riempies Botha, four, lightweights.

▲DURBAN. Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini settled an old "score" at Curries Fountain Stadioum when he outpointed arch-rival Maxwell Malinga over ten rounds in the middleweight division. Malinga, out of the ring for over six months, was ring rusty and Makhanthini won the first four rounds before Malinga came back to hurt Makhathini with punches from both hands and especially hooks to the body. Malinga did well in the sixth when he launched a two-handed attack that had "Tap Tap" in trouble. In the seventh Makhathini was landing left hooks but missing with his right. In the eighth Makhathini was shaken with a short right from Malinga. Malinga kept up pressure in the ninth, but was sent reeling backwards by a left hook from Makhathini. "Tap Tap" kept up pressure in the final round to clinch the decision, but Malinga protested.

Daniel Serme outpointed David Motlengwa over eight, middleweights; Bernard Zungu and Joseph Tsotetsi drew, eight, junior lightweights; Essau Dhlamini decisioned Jackie Colebeck, six, junior lightweights; Robert Makhoba KG'd Ray Damon, two, bantams; Siphiwe Bhengu tko'd Bassie Modise, four, bantams.

▲CAPE TOWN. American Duane Bobick stopped former S. African heavyweight champion Mike Schutte in the eighth round when trainer Alan Toweel threw in the towel as Schutte was taking a beating. 7,000 fans turned up at the Good Hope Centre and saw Bobick take all the rounds but the first with a two handed attack that constantly drove Schutte back. Bobick lacked a ko punch but had a slight back injury which may have affected him. Bobick, a slow starter, let Schutte come to him in the first and used his left jab to keep Schutte come to him in the first and used his left jab to keep Schutte away. Schutte outweighed Bobick by about thirty five pounds. The fight was fought at close quarters and the boxers fought head to head but it was Bobick who outfought and outthought Schutte. Schutte showed gameness and was ever trying, and even though he was caught with combinations, went into the fray to land heavy blows and also miss by miles with round house power laden blows. By the sixth, the American was slamming in combinations and blood was streaming from Schutte's nose. Schutte was bleeding from the mouth in the seventh. He was cut above the eyes and was absorbing punishment. A hard right by Bobick in the eighth and Schutte receiving a pounding. The towel then came to the rescue.

Bashew Sibaca, black feather champ, stopped his white counterpart.cFreddie Rust, in three rounds when the towel was thrown in. Gert Craemer was much too fast and agile and aggressive for Joe Hali and came out an easy points winner over six in the junior middle division.

Sydney Bensch won when Stanley Maxembengula was disqualified for butting in the fifth. Middleweights; Coenie Bekker upset white junior middleweight champ Johnny Sham by winning over six.

Morris Wainstein tko'd Reggie Peters, three, featherweights.

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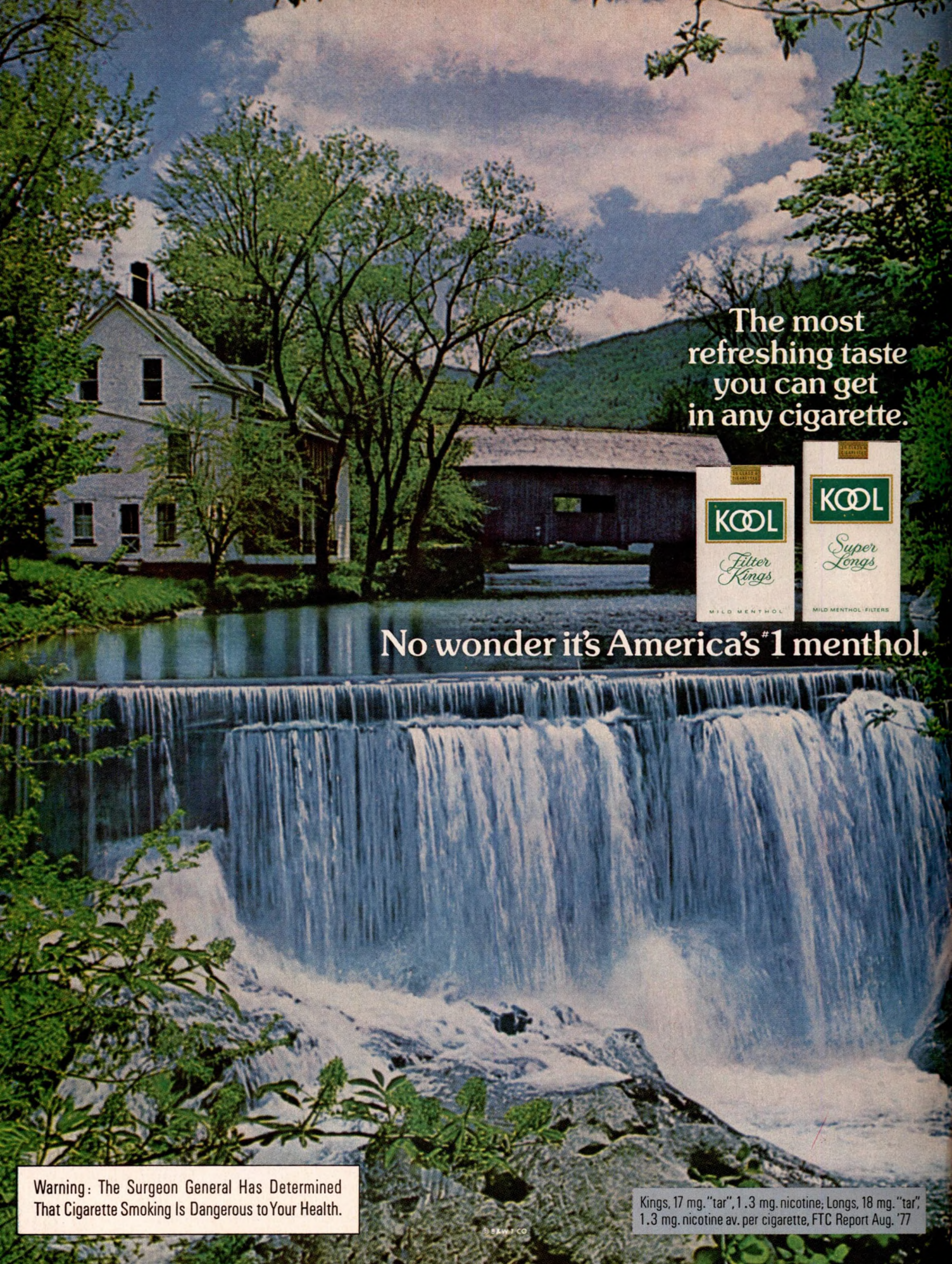

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